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Landslide win for Bob Hawke

CANBERRA, March 5 (AFP) — Australian voters Saturday elected their second Labor government since 1949, when the opposition, led by former trade union leader Bob Hawke, scored a landslide victory over the outgoing Liberal-National Party government of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

Fraser conceded defeat in a tearful television statement about an hour after Hawke had claimed his party had a "mandate" to govern.

As soon as counting began Labor took an early lead, with computer projections showing a 6.5 percent lead, well over the 1.4 percent needed for victory.

The party soon snapped up nine of the 11 marginals needed to ensure a majority on the 125-seat House of Representatives.

In the national capital Canberra, here Fraser and his ministers are best known, the swing to Labor was the most dramatic in the country.

There was a 13 percent swing of public servants against the government with the likelihood of Labor holding all parliamentary representation here.

Fraser called the election eight months ahead of the end of his third term, apparently hoping to take advantage of splits in the Labor Party. But on the day the election was announced, Bill Hayden, who is now expected to be minister for foreign affairs in the new government, stepped aside for Hawke, a popular former union leader.

"I take total responsibility in the timing of the federal snap election. I take total responsibility for the conduct of the election. I take total responsibility for the defeat of the government," Fraser said in an emotional television statement.

Fraser thanked his supporters and congratulated the Labor leaders on their victory, saying he hoped the Labor program could be carried out for the benefit of Australia.

Mokhtar sentenced to death

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (AP) — Mokhtar Hashim, Malaysia's minister of culture, youth and sports, Saturday was sentenced to death by hanging for the April 1982 murder of the former speaker of a state assembly.

The sentence, issued by the Southeast Asian nation's high court, will be appealed automatically, and Mokhtar is expected to remain in the cabinet until a final decision is reached.

The killing of Muhammad Taha Talib took place just a few days before parliamentary and state assembly elections last year and was the first murder of an election candidate in Malaysia since the country gained independence from Britain.

Taha was seeking re-election to the state assembly while Mokhtar, 40, was running for a national parliament seat in the same area on

Iranians make dramatic landing

NEW DELHI, March 5 (AFP) — An Iranian Air Force jet with armed commandos on board made a surprise landing at Delhi's Palam Airport Saturday morning setting off a security alarm as leaders began arriving here to attend the nonaligned summit, airport officials said.

The plane unloaded one bulletproof car, two motor cycles and three unidentified passengers or crew members and left for an undisclosed destination after a 10-hour drama, officials said. It was not known how many passengers the aircraft carried.

The plane took off after Indian foreign Ministry officials held talks with the Iranian Embassy here.

Aba Al-Khail hints at budget cut

BOSTON, March 5 (R) — Saudi Arabia will slightly cut back on internal development and on aid to other nations because of falling oil revenues. Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail said in an interview published here.

He told the *Christian Science Monitor* that the Kingdom's next budget, to be announced in April, would be reduced but did not say by how much. Saudi Arabian spending is currently about \$80 billion annually.

"Here in Saudi Arabia, we have almost completed all our infrastructure needed for the future. Our need for big spending is almost finished," he was quoted as saying.

The minister also called on Britain, Mexico, and other non-OPEC nations to cooperate in preventing a steep slide in oil prices, which he said would be politically favorable in the industrialized countries but a grave mistake.

"It will be useful for the short term, but it will be dangerous for growth and confidence in the long run," he said.

Salvador bares plot to kill pope

SAN SALVADOR, March 5 (R) — El Salvador's army says it has uncovered a leftist guerrilla plot to kill Pope John Paul during his visit here Sunday.

An official statement issued Friday said 18 guerrillas — two of them women — were involved and were being hunted.

Before he comes to El Salvador, the pope is traveling Saturday to Panama for what is expected to be one of the few uncontroversial visits of his tour of Central America.

Nonaligned guns to turn on Reagan

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

NEW DELHI, March 5 (ONS) — The five-day nonaligned summit opens Monday in a blaze of flags, floodlights and rhetoric.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, as host and chairman, has already circulated a 25-page political resolution siding with the military junta in Buenos Aires over what is predicted to be called the Malvinas and demanding "a speedy, peaceful and just solution" to the problem.

Since Argentina is a member of the nonaligned group and Britain is not, Mrs. Gandhi could do no less. With revolutionary gentlemen from Cuba, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Nicaragua strutting around Delhi as nonaligned innocents, anti-imperialism is probably the only issue on which all members will wholeheartedly agree. The pro-Argentine stand also reflects the Third World's hopes of venturing beyond traditional obsessions in Asia and Africa to fish in the troubled waters of anti-Reaganism in Latin America. (Related story on page 20)

With Colombia's entry, the club now has 17 Latin American members. The plea that, like the Indian Ocean, Central America and the Caribbean should also be designated zones of peace is aimed at pleasing them and irritating President Reagan.

Scouring the American barrel for causes, Mrs. Gandhi pays post-humous tribute to Chile's Allende, defends Guyana against Venezuela's territorial claims, sympathizes with Belize and Surinam and supports landlocked Bolivia's desire to wriggle a way to the Pacific. It is difficult to miss the point of these loaded arguments.

Al-Sabah oozes confidence OPEC committee studies output cut

LONDON, March 5 (R) — A four-man committee of OPEC ministers Saturday studied a cutback in the exporter group's oil output that they hope to put to a full session of all 13 members here on Monday.

One of the four, Kuwait's Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, expressed optimism that the crisis-hit organization was now on its way to a compromise on a new pricing agreement.

"All sorts of people have talked in a very positive manner and, as a result, I do expect that a compromise will emerge," he told Reuters as he prepared to begin talks with his counterparts from Indonesia, Libya and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The committee was set up after two days of informal talks in London among eight key ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on averting a world oil price war.

Conference sources said ministers were making intensive telephone and telex contacts to ensure that all the remaining five OPEC countries, including Iran, attended Monday's talks.

Iranian sources said an Iranian delegation, probably led by Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Honarabadi, was due here from Geneva during the weekend.

Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said in a French television interview Saturday the absence of Iran on Monday would prevent OPEC agreeing on a new lower pricing and production structure. "It is incontestable that the absence of Iran would block the conference," he said.

Conference sources said there were still problems with Nigeria, which they believed was not willing to increase its \$30 price to allow OPEC as a whole to make a lesser cut in the \$34 benchmark.

The sources said the plan, presented by the Gulf states and being studied by other Arab delegations, would call on Iran and Iraq to agree to an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal to pre-war boundaries.

It also calls for war reparations and reconstruction of areas in both countries damaged by the 30-month conflict and a United Nations force to guarantee the peace, the sources added.

They added that the plan would stipulate that the nonaligned movement would urge the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on either side rejecting the terms.

Arab aides view plan to end war

NEW DELHI, March 5 (R) — Arab ministers Saturday considered a new plan to end the Gulf war that would seek United Nations sanctions on Iran or Iraq if they refuse to accept the terms, nonaligned conference sources said.

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Heat stroke workshop inaugurated

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 5 — A workshop on heat stroke and temperature regulation, under the auspices of the Ministry of Health, was inaugurated Saturday at the Jeddah Meridien Hotel by Dr. Nazih Hassan Nasif, director general of health affairs in the Western Region, in the presence of Jeddah Commissioner Abdul Rahman Al Sudeiri.

The four-day workshop is being attended by nearly 250 physicians from hospitals, universities, and research institutes in the Kingdom, along with many specialists from the United States, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Britain and Kuwait.

While inaugurating the workshop, Dr. Nasif thanked the Health Ministry for providing an important opportunity to discuss this important subject and called upon the participants and attendants to make it a success. He read out a message from Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, acting minister of health, apologizing for not being able to attend the ceremony because he had to attend the Arab Health Ministers' Conference in Abu Dhabi.

Dr. Nasif said sunstroke had become a problem during the past 15 years, when the Haj season started in summer and the Haj is expected to continue in the same hot season for the next 15 years.

He added that his ministry attaches great importance to this issue and expressed hope the problem will soon be solved with concerted efforts carried out on different fronts.

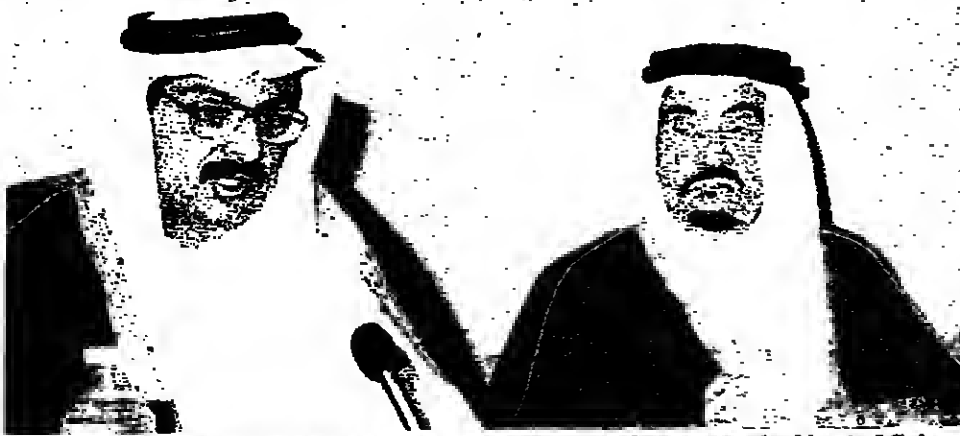
Dr. Nasif noted that the Kingdom is setting up seven specialist centers for treatment of sunstroke at a total cost of SR100 million, two in Makkah, two in Ararat, two in Mina and one in Madinah. The first one in Makkah is expected to start working before the Haj season this year and the others before the Haj season next year, he added.

Fine arts festival opens in Dhahran

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, March 5 — A four-day fine arts extravaganza opens at the Dhahran Academy Sunday. The fair includes 56 individual events ranging from band concerts, poetry readings, arts and crafts display to children's musical solos, according to fair coordinator, Norma Sanderson.

Star-billing Sunday night is an Arabic fashion show. Monday, the musical "P.T. Barnum Super Circusman" is the main attraction. Tuesday, the academy band performs under the direction of Frank Willis.



SEMINAR: A seminar on heat stroke and temperature regulation, organized by the Ministry of Health, was inaugurated in Jeddah Saturday by Dr. Nazih Hassan Nasif, director general of health affairs in the Western Region, (at left picture above) in the presence of Abdul Rahman Al Sudeiri, (at right). Picture below shows some of the experts and physicians who attended.



GCC military industrialization being considered, Sultan says

RIYADH, March 5 — The establishment of a military industrialization organization for member states of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council was still under consideration, Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, said Saturday.

The prince told *Al-Madinah* that GCC leaders were keenly interested in creating such an organization and deployed great efforts in this direction. He said that the GCC

states were coordinating their activities in a climate of mutual understanding at the highest level to lay the groundwork for collective action to ensure the safety and sovereignty of the states of the area and avert danger.

Prince Sultan said that GCC states were now more conscious than before of the concept of strategies in all security, defense and developmental fields. Defense strategy was the impulse for the protection of the Gulf and its people against any threat, he added.

Sino-Saudi panel meets March 12

TAIPEI, March 5 (CNA) — The fifth session of the Sino-Saudi Arabian Joint Committee on Cultural Cooperation will be convened in the Kingdom March 12.

A Chinese delegation, to be headed by Li Mo, vice minister of education of the Republic of China, will leave for the Kingdom March 9.

Members of the mission will include officials from the Foreign Ministry, the Government Information Office and the China

Youth Corps. The two sides are expected to review the implementation of cultural cooperation projects.

In addition, the seventh session of the Sino-Saudi Arabian Permanent Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation is scheduled to be held in Taipei on May 19.

Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, is expected to lead the Saudi Arabian delegation for the meeting here.

Somali, Saudi teams discuss trade ventures

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 5 — Prospects of increasing trade between Saudi Arabia and Somalia were discussed at a meeting here Saturday between the Kingdom's businessmen headed by the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry chairman, Ismail Abudawood, and an official delegation led by Somali Minister of Commerce Muhammad Omar Jama.

During the meeting, Abudawood suggested the formation of a joint high-level committee, blessed by both governments, to sort out problems facing trade between the two countries in general, and livestock trade in particular.

He said livestock import is a traditional line of trade between the two countries, but many of the Kingdom's importers diverted their sources of supplies because of many controls in Somalia. "The limited role of the private sector in that country also hinders the expansion of trade," he added.

Abudawood expressed hope that a joint committee, if set up, would meet regularly to review the situation and solve common problems. "It can also explore the possibilities of setting up joint ventures particularly in fisheries and agro-based industries," he noted.

He said a company in Dubai has made feasibility studies for setting up joint ventures in Arab countries, which can help in identifying the areas of such ventures. "There are greater possibilities of cooperation in fisheries and establishment of a slaughterhouse, if investors feel confident about the safety and transfer of money," Abudawood added.

BRIEFS

Qur'an competition

MAKKAH (SPA) — A national competition for recitation, modulation and interpretation of the Holy Qur'an started here Saturday to elect Saudi Arabian representatives at an international competition to be held in the holy city next month.

Algerian minister leaves

JEDDAH (SPA) — Algerian Planning and Regional Development Minister Abdul Hamid Brahimi left here Saturday after leading his country's delegation at the Saudi Arabian-Algerian Joint Committee meeting which concluded in Riyadh Wednesday.

Tree Week

RIYADH — Deputy Governor Prince Satam dedicates the plant-a-tree week here at 10 a.m. Sunday at Al-Mala' Youth Welfare Stadium. *Al-Madinah* reported.



TRADE TALKS: The possibilities of increasing trade and investment between Saudi Arabia and Somalia were discussed at a meeting held in Jeddah Saturday. Shown here are Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Ismail Abudawood (third from left) and Secretary General Abdullah Dahlan. At right are Somali Minister of Commerce Muhammad Omar Jama, Ambassador Abdiflahi Haji Abdurrahman and other members of the mission.

Extended by 13 banks

Mabco gets \$44m facility

By S. Sidahmed
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 5 — Thirteen banks led by the Saudi American Bank have arranged a \$44.26 million syndicated facility for the Prefabricated Building Company Ltd. (Mabco) here. Mabco will use the \$29.26 million performance bond and the \$15 million working capital loan provided by the agreement to build the royal Saudi Arabian naval forces housing and community development project in Al-Khatj, outside Riyadh.

Banks participating in the syndicated facility are: Al Bank Al Saudi Al Faransi, Al Saudi Bank in Bahrain, American Express Bank, International Group, Arab Bank Limited, Bank of America NT, SA, Banque Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement, Citibank, NA of Chicago Ltd., Crocker National Bank, Gulf International Bank B.S.C., Saudi American Bank, Saudi International Bank and Union de Banques Arabes et Francaises.

At \$293 million, Mabco was the low bidder

Asir governor to launch Beisha power project

RIYADH, March 5 Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal will lay the foundation stone of Beisha Central Electricity Project on March 17 at a ceremony to be attended by Industry Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and other ministers and senior state officials.

Abdul Rahman Al-Tuwaijri, director general of the United Electricity Company in the southern Province told *Al-Riyadh* that the project will cover the requirements of Beisha and Sabt Al-Alaya with its 110-kilometer network and 50-kilometer ring cable around Beisha.

There will be secondary stations at Al-

between nine competing companies for the project and was awarded the contract last June. Moreover, the company has the favorable location of its factory only two kilometers from the project site. Aslo Mabco's premier position in the Saudi precast market made it the major contender from the outset.

Abdullah Hudaithi, member of Mabco's Board of Directors, said that the company feels proud to win this contract which will enable it to participate in the ambitious development plan in the Kingdom. Mabco, according to Hudaithi, owns one of the biggest precast factories in the world.

The company was established in 1976/77 with a paid up capital of SR100 million. Founders are leading Saudi Arabian businessmen like Omer Aqad, Hassan Mubari, Olayan financial group, Yousif Al-Hamdan, Abdullah Hudaithi and others. Last year the firm won its biggest \$400 million housing project for the national Guard in Dammam and it now claims to be the major precast contractor in Jubail.

Shadiq, Al-Hazemi and Sabt Al-Alaya to supply electric power to more than 7,000 new subscribers in neighboring villages.

Tuwaijri said that a number of electricity projects were commissioned a few days ago. They included projects at Sarat Ubaidah, Harjah and Bilad Sanhan. They will serve more than 10,000 subscribers. Tathleeth and Jash projects, whose contracts were awarded with them, will become operational within 14 months. Last week, two contracts were won by consultants. The first called for supervision over the area's existing projects, and the second over the new ones, Tuwaijri said.

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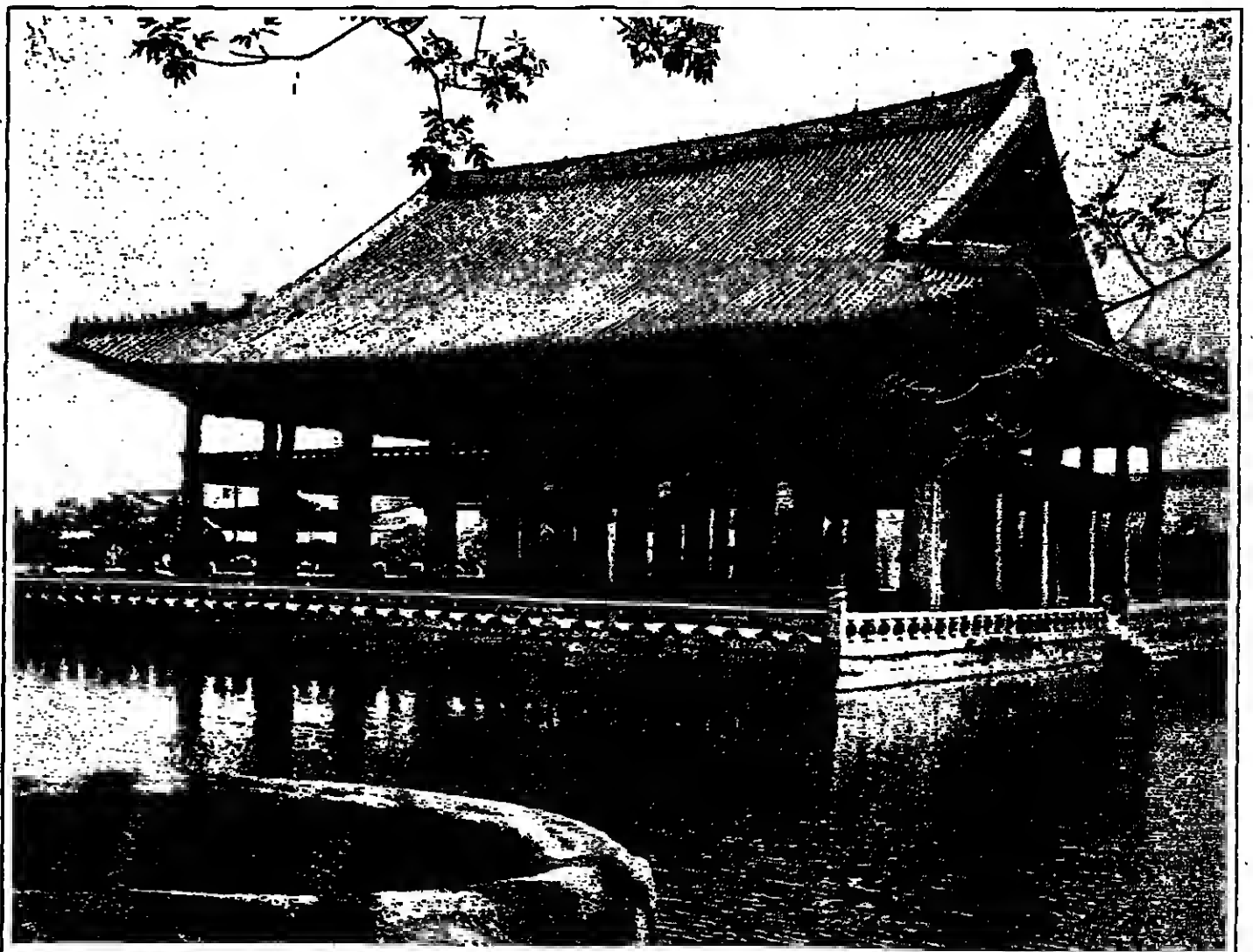
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Water show draws 'favorable' response

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 5 — A high proportion of engineers, planners, specifiers and academics constituted the 4,842 registered attendance at the five-day Water Technology '83 Exhibition which concluded here Thursday.

Official parties from the water ministries of Keoya, Algeria and Kuwait were received at the show, jointly organized by the Al-Hariby Company (Exhibitions and Services Division), Jeddah, and the Fairs and Exhibitions Limited, London.

As many as 140 companies from 16 countries, including a major contingent from Britain, the United States participated in the exhibit which was inaugurated by Minis-

ter of Agriculture and Water Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh.

Concluding a tour of the show, the minister said the concept of such an exhibition, the first of its kind in the Kingdom, was a good one. "I have seen much new technology exhibited here. This will be helpful to agriculture in the Kingdom," he remarked.

According to David L. Monk, executive director of the Fairs and Exhibitions Limited, "the favorable response made by the Kingdom and its neighbors to the exhibition fully reflects the importance attached to the development of water resources."

The Irrigation Italia SPA reported many inquiries from private industry for all aspects of their irrigation equipment, sprinkler sprays, aluminum pipes and automatic controllers.

The VAG-Armaturen GMBH, the West German company manufacturing a complete range of valves for application to water supply systems, waste water handling and gas supply systems reported a "very positive response" to their participation and said the exhibition provided them with many new important contacts.

The PROMACO, a Saudi Arabian company from Dammam whose containerized drinking water system based on the treatment of brackish water by electrodialysis is claimed to be very much in demand, reported they are delighted with the results of the show.

Another Saudi Arabian company that attracted a lot of attention was the S.S.V. Baha — Water Savers who deal in the conservation of precious resource by way of a range of devices designed to reduce water consumption.

The Sasakura Engineers, the Japanese experts in desalination plant and Kubota, the manufacturing machinery equipments,



Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and the Foundry Castings also from Japan were "most pleased" with the results of their participation.

The Portals of Water Treatment, an organization with considerable experience in the Kingdom, described the exhibition as "excellent". They were represented at the exhibition by four subsidiary companies — Houseman (Burnham), suppliers of a complete range of water treatment chemicals and plant; Paterson Candy International, who specialize in the design and construction of potable water treatment; Portacel, who market gas chlorinating instruments and water filters; and F.W. Talbot, makers of ferrous and non-ferrous filters and equipment for underground plants. All reported serious business from government agencies, municipalities and private companies.



David L. Monk

Wiqar Azim named managing director of PIA

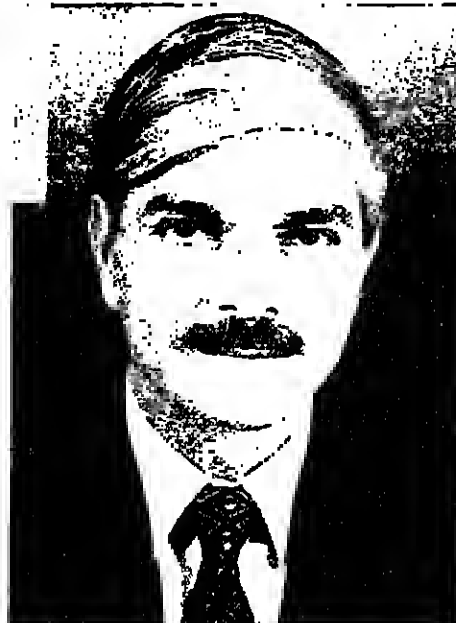
By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 5 — Air Vice Marshal Wiqar Azim, a senior officer of the Pakistan Air Force, has been named managing director and chief executive of Pakistan International Airlines, according to PIA's Jeddah Manager Mir Khalid Rashid.

Born in 1934, Azim was commissioned into the Pakistan Air Force in 1953. A graduate of the PAF Staff College and the Joint Service Staff College, Yeterim, Britain, he has also successfully attended the senior officer's defense management course in the United States. He has commanded a number of important bases and held the post of assistant chief of the air staff.

When the Southern Air Command was established he was appointed first air officer commanding.

Mir Khalid Rashid, who himself has recently taken over as Jeddah office manager looking after Western Province and North Yemen, told Arab News that PIA has shifted



Wiqar Azim

its executive office in Xenel Building in downtown. The airline is providing additional space at the downtown booking office as part of its program to improve the quality of service to customers, in addition to providing more telephone lines, he added.

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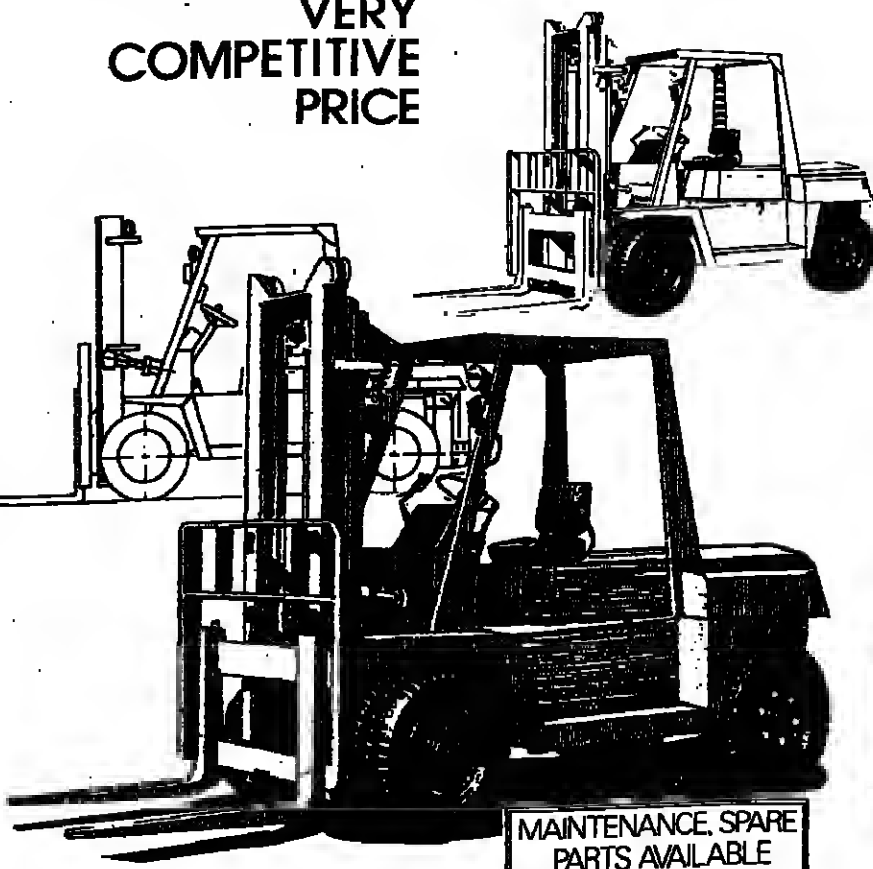
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GCC panel sets session on malaria

JEDDAH, March 5 — The Malaria Control Committee set up by the health secretary of the Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council will open a three-day session in Jizan Sunday. High on the agenda is a review of the spread of malaria and the study of recommendations put forward by the health secretary to check the disease.

The meeting will also discuss the problem of malarial mosquitoes from some Southeast Asian areas that resist eboloroquine, a drug that cures the disease.

A working paper submitted by Saudi Arabia to the 14th session of the GCC Ministerial Council on the establishment of a malaria center in Jizan will also be examined. Saudi Arabia had made it known that it would be willing to train a large number of health specialists on malaria fighting methods. The conference will also discuss other health projects for GCC nationals.

PLO envoy thanks Fahd

RIYADH, March 5 (SPA) — Rafik Natsha, the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Saudi Arabia, has thanked King Fahd and the Saudi Arabian government and people for the royal decree providing the Palestinian students in the Kingdom should be given the same treatment in universities as their Saudi Arabian counterparts. He also thanked King Fahd for the scholarships granted to Palestinian students.

Natsha told *Al-Madinah* that the Palestinians were particularly grateful to King Fahd because he personally took steps to implement the decisions.



PRIZE: Deputy Director General Hassan Dehlawi giving away a prize to one of the dealers of National products in Jeddah recently.

Products cover 60 % of market National honors Jeddah dealers

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

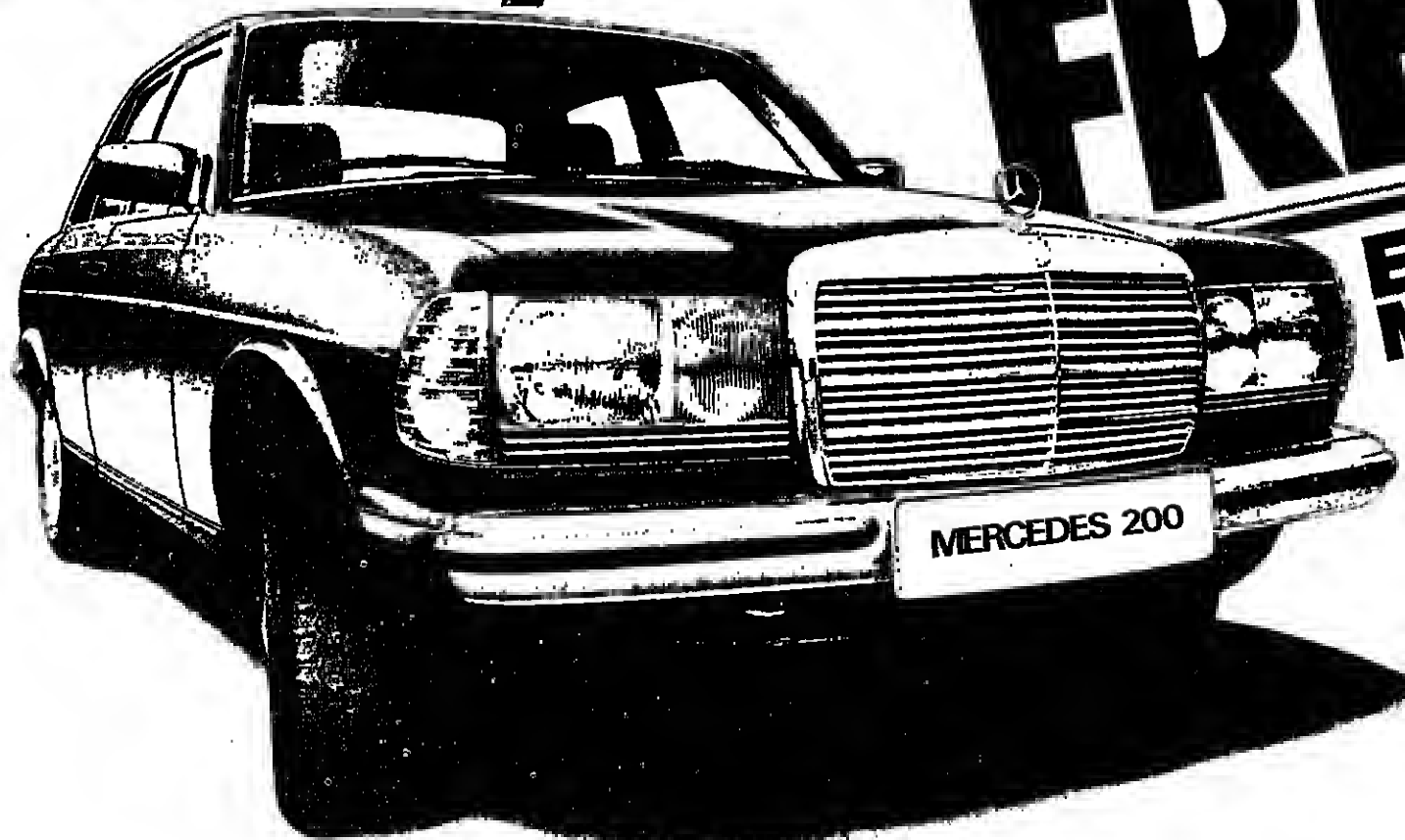
JEDDAH, March 5 — Muhammad Jameel Haroon Dehlawi, the sole distributor of Japan's National products in the Kingdom, held a reception in honor of its dealers in Jeddah recently.

Muhammad Amin Dehlawi, director general and Hassan Dehlawi, deputy director general of the Dehlawi Co., sponsored the function. Addressing the gathering, Samir Abu Yabya, Jeddah branch manager, said that National products have covered 60 percent of the Saudi Arabian market. He cited extensive maintenance and after-sale service in addition to competitive prices as the main

reasons for the success of the products. Some non-authorized agents are also selling National products, he said, adding that they account for only 10 percent of the market.

Okada, National company's representative, describing the success story of the products in the Kingdom, said Haroon Dehlawi took up the agency some 25 years ago with 100 radio transistors. He added that during the last 25 years the Saudi Arabian agent has sold more than five million hi-fi products and two million TV sets in the Kingdom. Giving away cash rewards to the dealers, Hassan Dehlawi promised better incentives to the dealers in the future.

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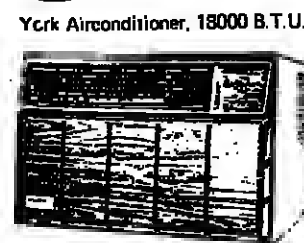
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Domino theory revived

U.S. wants to save Salvador for West

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan revived the old "domino theory" in presenting El Salvador as a vital bastion for the defense of the West.

The president, addressing a group of businessmen here, warned that if El Salvador's embattled U.S.-backed right-wing government were overwhelmed by its leftist guerrillas, the same thing would happen in such other Central American countries as Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama.

It was the first time that Reagan had applied so directly to Central America the domino theory. The theory, that if the first in a line of standing dominoes falls it knocks down all the others in the row, was first used by the U.S. government to justify American engagement in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

Returning to one of his first themes when he took office more than two years ago, Reagan described El Salvador as an outpost of democracy facing an offensive which he claimed was masterminded by Communists in the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Uganda attacks rebels' statement

NAIROBI, March 5 (AP) — The Uganda government issued Friday a sharp denunciation of a statement by a guerrilla group that urged foreigners to leave the East African nation for their own safety.

Uganda's minister of internal affairs, Joho Luwuliza-Kirunda, was quoted by the state-owned Radio Uganda as saying the statement by the National Resistance Army was a "plot to murder innocent people."

Luwuliza-Kirunda's statement, carried on a 5 p.m. broadcast monitored here, was the first official reaction to the guerrilla statement which was circulated among journalists in Nairobi.

Saying it was about to step up its campaign, the National Resistance Army sounded "a final warning" to foreigners working in Uganda. "The sooner they find their exit from Uganda, the better for their families," said the statement, purportedly signed by the group's leader, Yoweri Museveni, and issued from his headquarters in the Uganda bush.

The interior minister was quoted as saying there is no insurgent group strong enough to oust President Milton Obote and that the Ugandan government is winning its war against the various guerrilla bands, officially referred to as "bandits."

"Many agents of the bandits have fallen into the hands of the security forces and others are on the run," the radio quoted the minister as saying. "Areas controlled by the bandits are now restricted to isolated parts of Luwero district."

This is an area about 48 kilometers north of the Ugandan capital of Kampala which is considered a stronghold of Museveni's guerrillas.

Hondurans 'arm' Nicaragua group

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 5 (AP) — Nicaraguan farm union leaders said Friday the Honduran military is providing counter-revolutionary groups with sophisticated weapons bought from the United States.

As a result, the workers said at a news conference in this northern Ohio city, defenseless peasants and farmers are being killed in border clashes and an invasion of Nicaragua by Honduras is being planned.

The counterrevolutionary troops are mostly refugees who fled into Honduras after Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza was overthrown three years ago by leftist Sandinista troops.

The workers said weaponry sold by the United States to the Honduran military is being given to Somoza loyalists for use in the fight against the Sandinistas.

According to Olga Maria Espinoza and Jorge Mora, it is the former Somoza loyalists, with aid from the military in Honduras and the United States, who are plotting the invasion of Nicaragua.

Ms. Espinoza and Mora said Somoza loyalists are now using rocket launchers and bazookas of the same type as those sold by the United States to the Honduran military. Both said the military is equipping the Nicaraguan refugees for the eventual invasion of their homeland.

"The buildup is becoming more sophisticated," said Mora. "These are items that are not available on the black market in that quantity. The Honduran military is being used as a conduit."

Journalists killed, Peru panel says

LIMA, March 5 (R) — Eight Peruvian journalists killed in the country's troubled Ayacucho province in January were murdered by local Indian peasants who mistook them for left-wing guerrillas, a government commission said.

The peasants axed, clubbed and knifed the journalists to death in the remote area of the Andes in the belief that they were members of the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (shining path) guerrilla movement, it said.

The commission, headed by Peru's most celebrated novelist, Mario Vargas Llosa, said it was convinced that the journalists were killed by residents of Uchuraccay, an Indian hamlet close to where their bodies were found.

Neither the military nor the police were involved in the massacre, it said, although the people of Uchuraccay might have received support from neighboring peasants. The journalists went to Ayacucho to report on guerrilla activity in the province. The government has declared a state of emergency and sent troops to the region to stamp out guerrilla violence.

Firm recalls painkiller

NEW YORK, March 5 (R) — The U.S. company Johnson and Johnson temporarily withdrew one of its painkillers, Zomax, from the market after five deaths from allergic reactions were linked to it.

The company, which last year had to withdraw its Tylenol capsules from the market after some of them were poisoned with cyanide, causing seven deaths, said Zomax would be withdrawn pending relabeling of the product. All people possessing the non-narcotic drug, prescribed for severe pain and high fever, were asked to return it.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said two deaths were "directly attributable" to Zomax and three others were being investigated. An FDA official said in Washington the drug was clearly labeled not to be used by people hyper-allergic to aspirin, as two of the persons who died had been.

He said an estimated 15 million people had taken Zomax since the FDA approved it in 1980. The agency had received 1,000 reports of adverse reactions in the past two and a half years. But it did not believe at this point there was anything wrong with the product itself.

Japanese reveals coup plot

TOKYO, March 5 (AP) — Members of Japan's military forces plotted to overthrow the government in 1980 and prepared a statement for release if and when the coup succeeded, an air force officer said in a report published Saturday.

The Tokyo Shimbun, a major Japanese daily, quoted an unidentified officer of the Air Self-Defense Force as saying the purpose of the military conspiracy was to "shock" the Japanese people by mobilizing the Self-Defense Forces.

"We could not tolerate any longer to see a decline in the image of the Self-Defense Forces," the officer was quoted as saying.

Yanosuke Narazaki, a member of the Diet (parliament) belonging to the small opposition Shinjiren Party, surprised the public last month when he claimed before a Diet committee session that a coup d'etat had been planned by ground Self-Defense Force members in 1980.

However, the plan, which called for a napalm strike on the prime minister's official residence, was aborted after military authorities learned about it and "secretly reprimanded" participating officers, Narazaki said.

The legitimacy of Japan's voluntary military force under the postwar peace constitution, which bans war, has long been the subject of heated dispute. With memories of

Japan's militaristic past still strong, military personnel are sometimes looked upon with embarrassment in Japanese society.

The coup plot was also aimed at cleaning up corruption among high political officials, the officer reportedly said. The officer was one of 180 military personnel allegedly involved in the plot, he was quoted as saying, adding that the conspirators considered they had a 20 percent chance of success.

According to the officer quoted by the Tokyo Shimbun, the plotters planned to mobilize 1,000 to 1,500 military personnel from Japan's 234,000-strong air, maritime and ground self-defense forces and declare martial law after occupying the Diet building, the prime minister's residence and the Japan Broadcasting Corp. headquarters, all in Tokyo.

The scheme, however, did not call for changing the role of the emperor, who was deposed to a symbolic function as head of state at the end of World War II.

Following dissolution of the Diet, a prepared statement calling for support by the Japanese people was to be aired, the newspaper said. If rejected, the rebels planned to surrender, it quoted the officer as saying.

A scheme was first contemplated by officers in the ground Self-Defense Force around 1977 to stage the coup on "X day" in June 1980, he said.

Smoke engulfs Manila hotel

MANILA, March 5 (AP) — Fire broke out on the 19th floor of the Manila Hilton Hotel Friday, forcing scores of guests out of their rooms and filling the luxury hotel with smoke. No injuries were reported, and within two hours after the fire was out, some guests were beginning to return to their room.

Aurea Magsaysay, hotel spokesman, said the hotel's 416 rooms were about 60 percent booked when the fire started. Water was dripping into the hotel lobby 19 floors below the fire and witnesses said the lobby was so smokey they were coughing up to an hour after the fire was out.

The Cause of the blaze had not been determined. Ms. Magsaysay said it started in room 1923, occupied by an Arab guest. Dr. Hakan Hellberg, a World Health Organization physician from Helsinki, Finland, said he was taking an elevator to his room on the 20th floor at about 9 p.m. when the lights went out and the elevator doors opened on the 19th floor.

Hellberg said he crawled under thick smoke to another elevator and went up to the 22nd-floor top of the Hilton restaurant. "All of us, including the performers, hurried down the steps, 22 floors to the lobby," he said.

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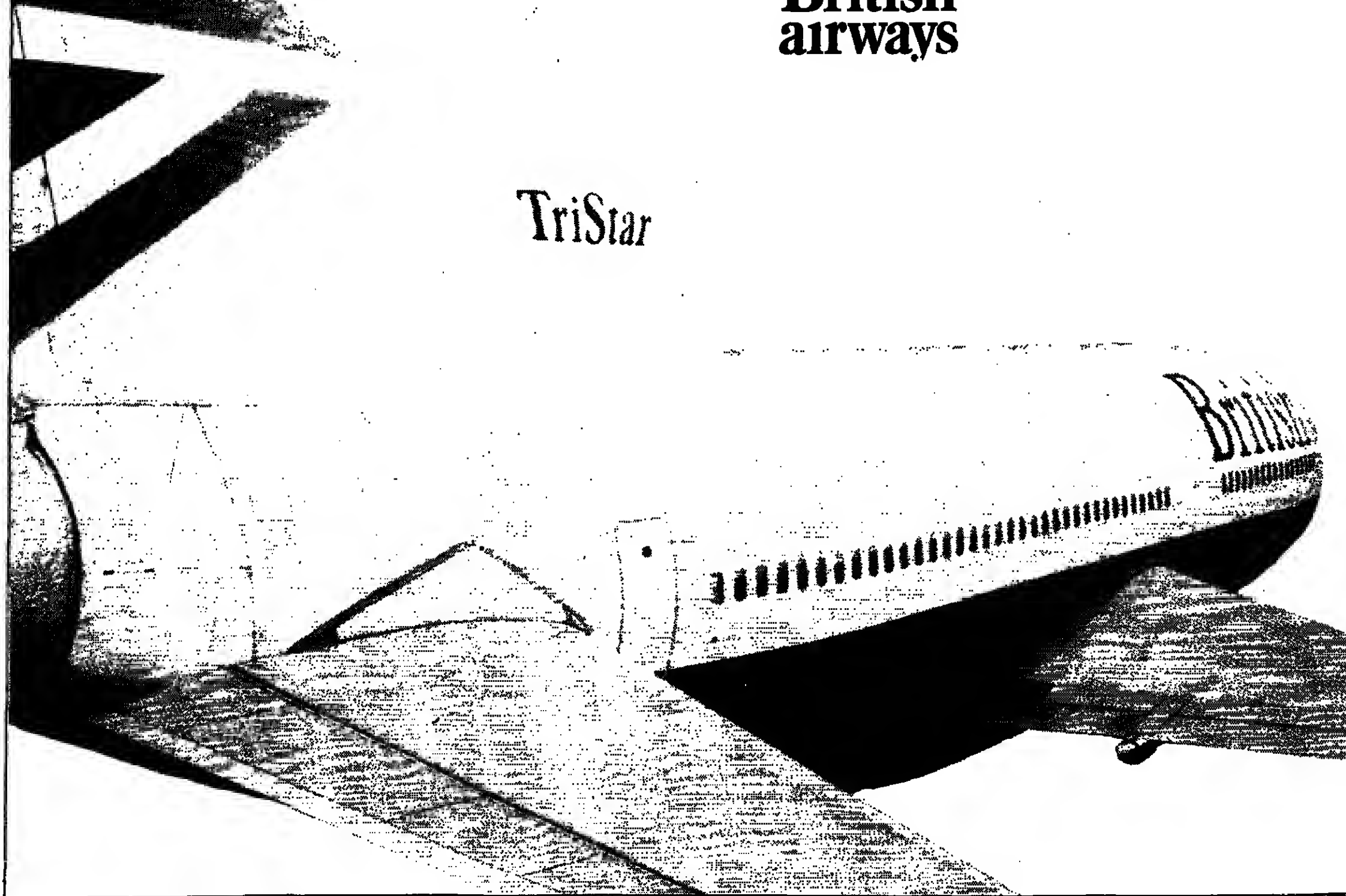
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Searches begin for Bulawayo dissidents

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, March 5 (Agencies) — Troops and police sealed off several Bulawayo suburbs Saturday and mounted house-to-house searches for dissidents, police sources said.

At least one member of parliament of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union was detained along with scores of other supporters of the party, the sources said.

Nkomo, president of the ZAPU Party, was confined to bed at his Pelandaba home on orders of his doctor, aides told the Associated Press. His fenced bungalow is in the western suburbs.

Tens of thousands of workers were trapped in the townships and prevented from going to their jobs in the city and in the industrial sites. Bulawayo's city center was almost deserted.

The swoop on the western suburbs followed six weeks in which troops of the 5,000-strong North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade swept through six districts of central Matabeleland, Nkomo's tribal and political stronghold, in search of armed dissidents.

It could not immediately be confirmed if the cordons were from the Fifth Brigade, which Nkomo has accused of waging a "tribal war" against the Ndebele people of south-west. The Fifth Brigade is mainly Shona, the majority ethnic group of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

Residents said the soldiers were turning back all traffic to downtown Bulawayo from the western suburbs where 400,000 low and middle-income blacks live. People were being told to go home, stay there and leave their doors unlocked.

It was the second time in nine months the army had surrounded Bulawayo's suburbs in their hunt for dissidents.

Haiti local poll set

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, March 5 (AP) — Haiti's president-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier, announced Friday that municipal elections will be held in the north-east and central districts of this Caribbean nation April 10.

Haiti, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, had its last election 26 years ago. The president's father, Francois Duvalier, was elected in 1957 and later declared himself president for life. His son took the title after his father died in 1971.

U.S. cleanup agency fails to keep own house clean

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Texas, March 5 — Scandal is not new on Capitol Hill and our has the present Reagan administration been untouched by it. In the latest incident, brought under scrutiny by ABC's "Nightline," the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the agency that is supposed to clean up America's environment, was shown to be having trouble keeping its own house clean. Shake-ups, reports of shredded documents, charges of criminal wrongdoing have surfaced.

The latest crisis of the EPA began years ago when millions of pounds of chemical waste were dumped at sites around the country. After the discovery of toxic wastes at Love Canal, Congress set up the \$1.6 billion superfund. But two years into the Reagan administration, the EPA had cleaned up 15 of 418 superfund sites. Members of Congress wanted to know why, "Nightline" reported.

Two separate committees asked EPA Director Anne Gorsuch Burford for documents on how superfund money was being spent. But with the backing of the White House, she refused to provide them. Then, on Dec. 16, she watched as the House voted her in contempt of Congress, the highest cabinet-level official in U.S. history to face such a charge.

Later, efforts by the Justice Department to quell the charges against Mrs. Burford were rejected by a federal court judge. And after weeks of negotiations, Congress obtained many of the documents a few days ago.

The contempt of Congress story is just part of a full-blown scandal at the EPA, said "Nightline." At the heart of the controversy is Rita Lavelle, former director of the superfund. In November, Lavelle was called before the committee amid charges she had tried to discredit EPA whistle-blower Hugh Kaufman. There were a number of charges made against Lavelle, who was fired Feb. 7.

For instance, a congressional committee alleged that the EPA had delayed cleanup of the acid pits in California in order to embarrass Gov. Jerry Brown, then running for the Senate. Lavelle had once worked for Aero Jet General Corp., which reportedly dumped waste at the same site.

Another committee charged that Lavelle clashed with EPA's chief counsel Robert Perry over whether to settle with superfund companies or take them to court. In Indiana, Lavelle helped negotiate a settlement in which 24 of the companies responsible for toxic waste would pay \$7.7 million and avoid prosecution.

Those 24 companies are among the largest corporations in America. They are responsible for over 50 percent of the contamination. In the settlement, they agreed to pay only between 20 and 30 percent of the cost, said Perry. He wanted to sue, but Lavelle allegedly ordered a draft memo charging that Perry was "systematically alienating the primary constituents of this administration — the business community."

Kaufman turned over a number of inside documents to congressional committees, announcing that the scandal might not be limited to the EPA. "I'm saving the White House," he said.

President Reagan ordered a complete investigation by the Justice Department. "I hope we're not getting back to a place where accusations once again are going to be taken as proof of guilt," the president said.

This Senate committee is investigating charges that Lavelle held secret meetings with superfund waste generators, said "Nightline," generators like Outboard Marine Company that generated 1.7 million pounds of PCB's into a Illinois harbor.

In mid-February, EPA agency officials admitted that some documents subpoenaed by Congress had been destroyed in papershredders, although they say there are duplicates. But later it was learned that a number of computer discs with superfund information may have been erased. In addition, it was learned that the EPA cannot account for \$53 million, almost a third of the amount spent on the superfund last year.

Appearing on "Nightline," Congressman John Dingell of Michigan, head of one of the six congressional committees currently investigating the EPA, said there are a number of allegations of criminal wrongdoing. "We have a number of allegations on the record under oath indicating, first of all, a strong possibility of perjury, of unethical behavior, or conflict of interest. We have questions raised regarding a number of sites in the administration — of the cleanup of those sites by the EPA and by state agencies," Dingell said.

The EPA scandal has hurt the Reagan administration. It has shaken public trust, said Dingell.

Daughter praises Barbie

VIENNA, March 5 (AP) — The daughter of war criminal Klaus Barbie said Nazism never played a role in her childhood and told an Austrian newspaper: "I couldn't have wished for a better father."

Barbie, expelled from Bolivia Feb. 4, is charged in Lyons, France, with crimes against humanity, including murder, torture and transportation of people to extermination camps.

Ute Messner, 40, said she first learned of the accusations against her father in 1972, when France issued a request for his extradition, according to the interview in the Innsbruck newspaper *Tiroler Tageszeitung*. The interview was published Wednesday, and copies of it reached the capital Thursday.

"My father was an expert article for Bolivia," the librarian in Kufstein was quoted as saying. "He was already sentenced to death twice in France. What's the point of a 1 1/2 year monster show trial now? The papers even write that the verdict is already decided anyway."

Nazi philosophy never played a role in the Barbies' family life, she was quoted as saying. "In the war days I was still a child and don't know anything about that time. In the family, later in Bolivia, there was neither talk about national socialism nor about Jews."

"I can only judge my father by what he said, and believe that he didn't have any hate for the French. Otherwise, he would never have permitted my brother to marry a French woman."

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"My brother and I grew up completely unburdened. There was never any kind of influence of political or religious nature from my father or my mother," she was quoted as saying.

Mrs. Messner said she was last in Bolivia in December 1982, when her mother died, according to *Tiroler Tageszeitung*. Asked if her relationship to her father had changed in recent years, she said: "No, he is my father and I couldn't have wished for a better father."

As I said, I don't know anything about that time. I just know that it was war then. My father is always called Gestapo chief of Lyons. He was not. He was chief of an anti-partisan unit," *Tiroler Tageszeitung* reported.

Asked if she would stand by her father, she was quoted as saying: "Of course, what daughter wouldn't do that? I just don't know right now how I can help him."

According to the newspaper, Mrs. Messner was born June 30, 1942, in Kassel, Germany. Her brother, four years younger, was killed in an accident two years ago, the report said without giving details.

As a child, Mrs. Messner studied in Bolivian and Chilean schools and came to Austria at the suggestion of friends in 1969.

"My parents wanted me to go to know Europe. Our friends suggested Austria and Tyrol. I originally only wanted to stay one or two years in Europe. I met my husband in Kufstein and so I've hung on here."

BRIEFS

NAIROBI (AFP) — Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa will be able to accommodate the largest United States Navy aircraft carriers afloat now the port has been dredged. The Kenya government and the United States have an agreement which allows the U.S. Navy to use the facilities at Mombasa.

SEOUL (AFP) — France has informed the South Korean government that President Francois Mitterrand will not be visiting South Korea in the first half of this year as had been expected, official sources said here. The French president had been expected to come to Seoul for a state visit at the same time as he visits China in May. China is said to be not happy about the idea of President Mitterrand going directly on to a country with which China does not maintain diplomatic relations.

NOUAKCHOTT (AFP) — Policeman Bouceif Ould Sidi, sentenced to death by an Islamic court for the murder of another police officer, was executed here Friday by a military firing squad. Several hundred people watched the execution. The court determined that both killer and victim were selling protection to a gang of robbers, and that Sidi had killed his colleague, fearing he would be betrayed.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A herd of cattle Friday triggered a booby-trap bomb apparently intended for security forces, police said. One cow was killed and several others were injured when the bomb

went off in the town of Crossmaglen, in South Armagh near Northern Ireland's border with the Irish Republic, a spokesman at police headquarters here said. A 20-year-old farmer shepherding the cows escaped injury but was taken to a hospital suffering from shock, the spokesman said.

SALT LAKE CITY (R) — The first artificial heart recipient Dr. Barney Clark has pneumonia and is being treated with antibiotics, the University of Utah Medical Center announced Friday. Doctors are investigating the cause of what they called a "pulmonary setback" which struck the 62-year-old dentist Thursday. He was placed on a respirator to aid his breathing but remained in his private room at the medical center and was not returned to an intensive-care unit.

PARIS (R) — Two French balloonists have set a new distance record for hot air ballooning by crossing the Mediterranean non-stop from France to Tunisia, the organizers said Friday. They said Olene Dorigny and Michel Arnould arrived near Rharssa, Tunisia, Thursday night after a 745-mile voyage across the Mediterranean from Ales, southern France, in 21 hours and 17 minutes.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Dissident Soviet poet Irina Ratushinskaya was sentenced in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, to seven years in a detention camp followed by five years of forced residence for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," dissident sources reported.

Thai Army fights for status quo

BANGKOK, March 5 (AFP) — Thailand is entering the last phase of a political struggle which will lead to either the military maintaining its grip on the government or the setting up of a true parliamentary regime — a first for the country.

Previous parliamentary democratic regimes had always been carefully hedged in by constitutional amendments giving the executive branch special powers at the expense of the legislature.

Experts reckon that between 11 and 14 coups had taken place in Thailand since 1932. A compromise political-military regime has been in power since 1979 with an elected house of 301 deputies sharing power with a Senate of 225 appointed members, mostly from the military.

In principle, the maneuvering of politicians and military will come to a head on March 16 when parliament is to vote for the third and last time on a series of constitutional amendments proposed by the army that will effectively maintain the status quo.

The existing constitutional compromise runs out in April when the Senate is to revert back to a minor role and army officers are to be barred from both ministerial and senatorial posts.

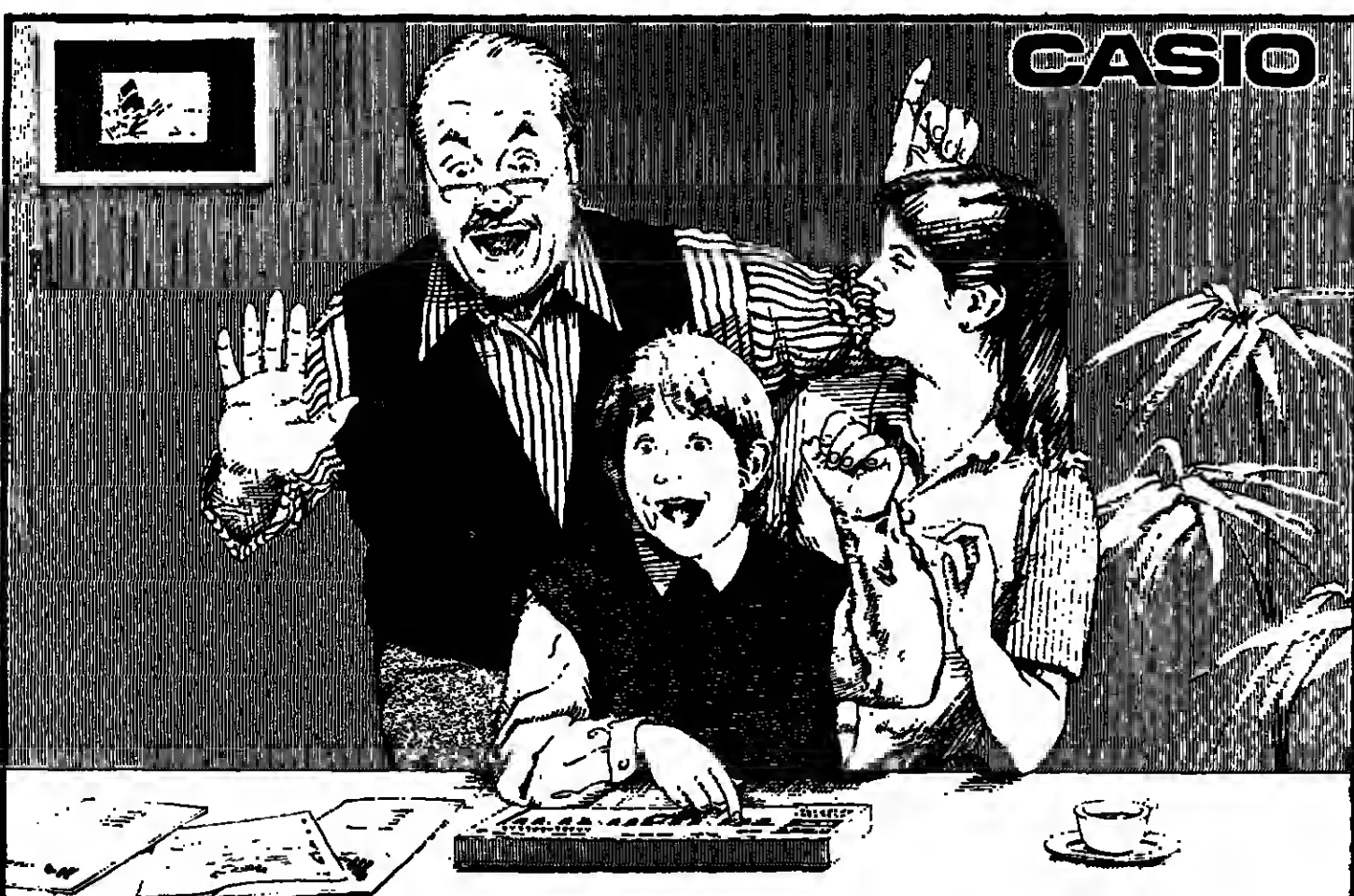
The army is set on respectively changing and eliminating those provisions before the scheduled June general election. The pro-military amendments also include changes to a new electoral law that would favor large political parties at the expense of smaller parties and the military. Observers here favor the military to win its political struggle and maintain its position in political affairs.

Should the military lose, plans have already been set up for a series of army "exercises". A vote taken at the first reading of the pro-military amendments on Feb. 18 had favored the army. This was followed by a Feb. 28 vote that was even more favorable.

The votes were seen as a personal victory for the author of the pro-military amendments, 57-year-old Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek, the army commander in chief who is thought to have his sights set on the premiership in spite of repeated denials.

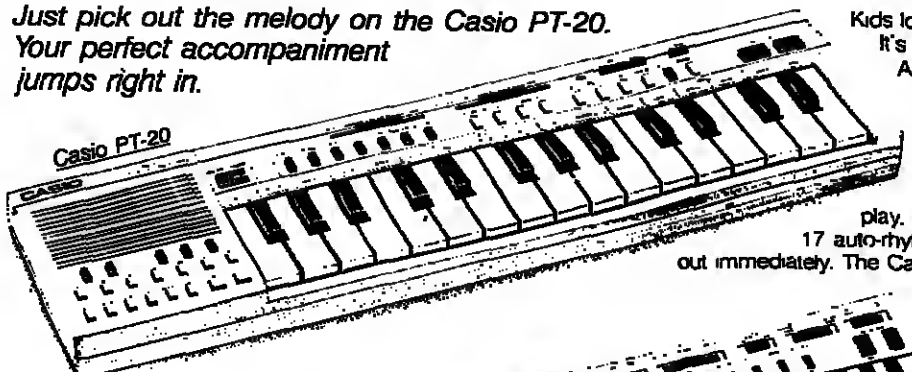
Ye's retirement OK'd

PEKING, March 5 (AFP) — The retirement of Marshal Ye Jianying from his post as chairman of China's National People's Congress was formally approved Saturday, the New China News Agency reported. Marshal Ye, generally considered the living symbol of allegiance to the revolutionary traditions of Mao Tse-tung, cited his age and failing health as reasons for retirement from the position that made him the effective head of state.



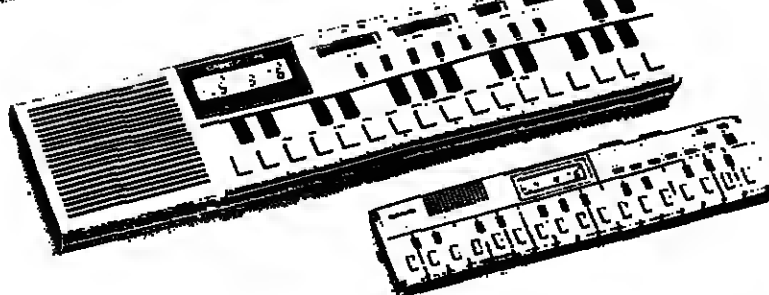
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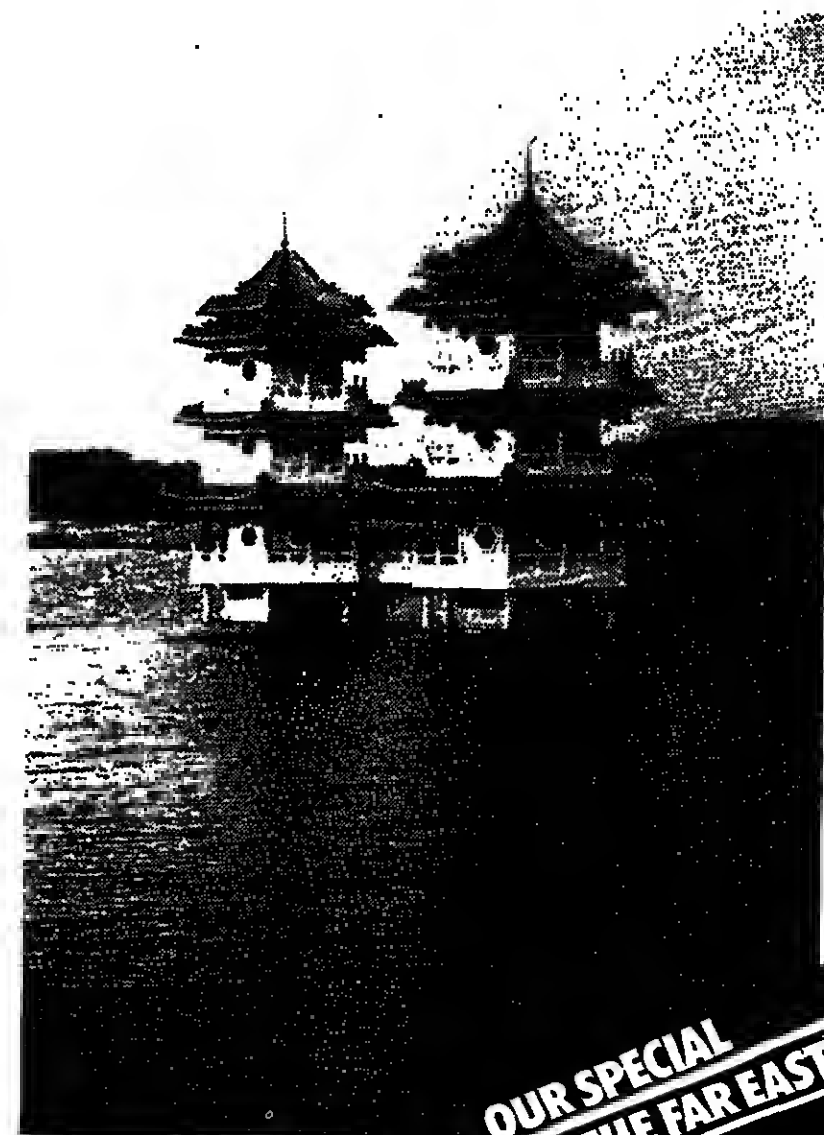
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To maintain 14-point lead at the top

Liverpool goes on a goal-spree at Stoke

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — Liverpool kept its 14-point lead at the top of the English First Division Soccer League Saturday when it thrashed Stoke 5-1.

Kenny Dalglish had a late 32nd birthday present with a pair of goals. Phil Neal, Craig Johnston and Graeme Souness completed the rout. Paul Bracewell netted Stoke's lone goal.

Watford held on to second position with Les Taylor's sixth goal of the season at Coventry. Taylor struck in the 43rd minute of a frantic encounter.

Fourth Division Scunthorpe scored one of the quickest goals of the season Saturday against Stranmore. After only 15 seconds a John Williams clearance struck Denis Leman, the Scunthorpe winger and rebounded into the net.

Liverpool erased the painful memory of its European Cup defeat in Poland by bouncing back to form in the league to crush Stoke City. Kenny Dalglish scored in the seventh minute and was in the right place again in the 47th minute to stab into an empty net after Rush's shot had rebounded off Barry.

Full back Neal got Liverpool's second in the 35th minute. Bracewell squeezed in Stoke's goal in the 49th minute. And Johnston made it 4-1 for Liverpool in the 76th minute with Souness blasting in Liverpool's fifth in the final minute.

United took control after the interval and gained victory thanks to a brace by Frank Stapleton. City took a surprise lead in the 32nd minute. A Hartford's corner was headed by Reeves back to McDonald, who

relayed it back to Reeves who headed it into the net. Stapleton got his first in the 49th minute and his second in the 76th minute with a header from a corner.

Les Taylor, kept Watford in second position in the league table with a 43rd minute goal, which he somehow threaded into a goalmouth packed with friend and foe. It was a goal untypical of a frantic encounter.

At Upton Park, it was West Ham's first win in eight games. Ryan struck after 88 minutes for Brighton, but a minute later West Ham's substitute Alan Dickens got one in from 30

yards. And a minute later Tony Cottey got another in from 35 yards.

Arsenal was lucky to escape with a draw in a dull match. Although the London club had most of the play Forest had three opportunities to score but failed to take them.

Luton dominated most of the play but was unable to force a way through a West Bromwich defense behind goalie Paul Barron had a splendid afternoon. It was Albion's fourth straight goalless draw.

Three goals just after half-time gave Ipswich's smallest crowd of the season something to cheer about. Trevor Putney (46

minutes) Russell Osman (54) and Alan Brazil (56) were the home scorers while Mark Dennis got the visitors' consolation goal after 67 minutes.

Southampton made hard work of beating Swansea in a dull game. The first half, especially, had little to offer, but after 61 minutes Swansea surprised their hosts by taking the lead, Jimmy Liveridge getting his first league goal.

Two goals from John Chiedozzi the 25th and 43rd minutes and a third from David Hunt gave Notts their third straight win to ease away from the relegation zone.



Stapleton... who got both goals for United.

English soccer results

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		
Arsenal	0	Nottingham Forest 0
Aston Villa	3	Newrich 2
Coventry	0	Watford 1
Ipswich	0	Birmingham 1
Liverpool	5	Stoke 1
Luton	0	West Bromwich 0
Man. City	1	Man. United 2
Notts County	1	Tottenham 0
Southampton	2	Swansea 0
Sunderland	2	Everton 0
West. Ham	2	Brighton 1

DIVISION THREE		
Bristol Rovers	2	Oxford 1
Doncaster	1	Bradford 2
Gillingham	2	Bournemouth 5
Lincoln	2	Brentford 1
Oxford	2	Wrexham 0
Plymouth	2	Chesham 0
Walsall	0	Portsmouth 0
Sheff. United	3	Exeter 0
Walsall	4	Millwall 0
Wigan	2	Reading 2

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION		
Dundee	2	St. Mirren 5
Kilmarnock	1	Aberdeen 2
Morton	0	Celtic 3
Motherwell	1	Dundee United 4
Rangers	1	Hibernian 1

Standings

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Liverpool	29	20	6	3	70	24	66			
Nottingham Forest	29	16	4	9	50	31	52			
Man. United	29	14	9	6	39	23	51			
Aston Villa	29	14	3	12	43	39	45			
Southampton	30	12	7	11	40	44	43			
Coventry	30	12	6	11	39	38	42			
Everton	30	11	8	10	46	33	41			
West Ham	28	13	2	13	45	42	41			
West Bromwich	30	10	11	9	38	41	41			
Stoke	29	12	5	12	41	46	41			
Tottenham	29	11	7	11	39	40	40			
Notts County	30	12	4	14	42	50	40			
Arsenal	28	10	8	10	34	34	35			
Man. City	31	10	8	19	39	50	38			
Sunderland	28	9	9	11	35	44	36			
Luton	28	7	10	11	47	57	31			
Norwich	29	8	6	15	31	48	30			
Swansea	30	7	7	16	36	46	28			
Brighton	30	7	7	16	28	56	28			
Birmingham	28	9	12	11	24	39	27			

E. German girl sets best time for 60-m hurdles

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 5 (Agencies) — Bettine Jahn of East Germany set a world best time of 7.75 seconds in winning the women's 60 meters hurdles title at the European Indoor Track and Field Championships here Saturday.

Jahn, 24, from Kazi Mar Stad, got a superb start and was the quickest to rise at the first hurdle. Her time chopped two-hundredths of a second off the previous world best time of 7.77 seconds set by Zofia Bielezyk of Poland in 1980 at Sindelfingen in West Germany.

Kerstin Knabe of East Germany, the defending champion, was second in 7.96 seconds with Tatyana Maluyevyets of the Soviet Union third in 8.07.

Janis Bojars eclipsed his Soviet teammate Aleksandr Baryschkov to win the men's shot, the first title settled. Bojars claimed the gold medal with 20.56 meters. Baryschkov, bronze medalist at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and at 34 the oldest member of the Soviet team, had a best effort of 20.44. Ivan Ivinic of Yugoslavia took the bronze with 20.26.

Czechoslovak Eva Murkova won the women's long jump with 6.77. East Germans Helge Radtke and Heike Dauter were second and third with 6.63 and 6.61 respectively.

Roh Druppers of the Netherlands and Peter Elliott of Britain, the men's 800 meters, favorites, had no trouble qualifying for the semifinals. Druppers, who has the fastest time in Europe this season, clocked 1:49.28, while Elliott dominated his heat but in the slower time of 1:50.06.

Soviet shatters four lift marks

MOSCOW, March 5 (AP) — Soviet weightlifter Yuri Zakharevich bested four world records in the under 100 kilogram weight category at a competition in Odessa Friday, the official news agency Tass said.

Zakharevich, 19, first snatched 200 kilograms to surpass his own world record of 196 kilograms in that category. He then jerked 240 kilograms (528 pounds) to snatch the previous world mark from his compatriot Victor Sotz, who lifted 237.5 kilograms.

And in overall achievement, Zakharevich twice passed his own 430 kilograms mark by lifting a total 432.5 kilograms and then 440 kilograms.

Mikkola takes over

LISBON, March 5 (AFP) — Hannu Mikkola of Finland will defend a two-minute lead as the 38 surviving cars head off on the last and longest stage in the Portuguese rally later Saturday.

Mikkola went dramatically to the front after his Audi teammate Stig Blomqvist of Sweden collected a 32 minutes penalty on Friday's fourth stage.

He built up a two minutes two seconds lead over world champion Walter Rohrl of West Germany in a Lancia, while Michele Mouton of France charged through Friday's last seven timed sections to go third, three minutes 21 seconds behind in another Audi Quattro. Only 38 of the original 88 starters are left for Saturday's final 750 kms stage from Viseu to Estoril.

Jeantot grabs honors

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 5 (R) — Frenchman Philippe Jeantot took line honors for the third leg of the Around the World Solo Yacht race early Saturday completing the voyage from Sydney to Rio de Janeiro in 48 days.

The Rio Yacht Club said Jeantot, who left Australia on Jan. 16, crossed the finishing line in his boat *Credit Agricole* at about 0430 GMT. The voyage took him around Cape Horn at the tip of South America, through some of the most dangerous seas in the world.

The second-placed yacht of South African Althea Voortrekker was about 300 miles from Rio and should sail past the famed Sugar-Loaf Rock at the entrance to the bay on Sunday or Monday, a radio operator at the Rio Yacht Club said.

Penguins trounced

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — Gilles Hamel and rookie Mal Davis scored two goals each to propel the Buffalo Sabres to a 10-2 National Hockey League victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins here Friday night.



Clerc... puts Argentina 2-up

As Clerc outlasts McEnroe Defeat stares U.S. in the face

BUENOS AIRES, March 5 (Agencies) — Argentina moved into a 2-0 lead over the defending champions United States in first round Davis Cup play Saturday as Jose Luis Clerc overcame a determined rally by John McEnroe to win the suspended singles match 6-4, 6-0, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5.

The match, which followed Guillermo Vilas' 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Gene Mayer, had been suspended after four hours and 10 minutes Friday night with Clerc leading 5-2 in the final set. McEnroe and Peter Fleming were set to take on Clerc and Vilas in doubles Saturday afternoon.

As play resumed Saturday morning, McEnroe won the first game 2-1 to reduce Clerc's lead to 5-3. McEnroe, 24, then broke Clerc — helped by three unforced errors

from the Argentine — and held his service in the next game to even the set at 5-5 after saving three match points. Clerc held his service for a 6-5 lead and then broke McEnroe bypassing him twice, while the American also overhit twice.

Meanwhile, Great Britain trailed Australia 0-2 at the end of the first day at Memorial Drive, Adelaide. On his Cup debut, 17-year-old Pat Cash, the Wimbledon junior champion, defeated experienced John Lloyd 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5 in a three hour 45 minute marathon. And then Paul McEnroe increased Australia's hopes when he outplayed a disappointing Buster Mottram 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in one hour 25 minutes.

Moscow: France took a winning 3-0 lead

over the Soviet Union when Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte beat Konstantin Pugaev and Sergei Leonyuk 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Christchurch: New Zealand advanced to the second round by establishing an unassailable 3-0 lead over Denmark. New Zealand's Russell Simpson and Chris Lewis beat Michael Mortensen and Peter Bastiansen 6-6, 6-3, 6-4 to make Sunday's reverse singles a technicality.

Bucharest: Romania, seeking revenge for defeat last year at the same stage of the competition, went into a 2-0 lead over Chile. Florin Segarceanu beat Hans Gildemeister 6-4, 3-6, 0-6, 6-4, 9-7 and then 36-year-old Ilie Nastase fought back from two sets down to beat Ricardo Acuna, 2-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Bjaerred: Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson beat Tinius Arianto Wibowo and Jusiedjo Tarik of 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 to give Sweden an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

Paraguay: Czechoslovakia took a 1-0 lead over Paraguay when top ranked Ivan Lendl defeated Francisco Gonzalez 6-4, 6-4, 10-8. Victor Pecci — Paraguay's only player of international status — was to meet Tomas Smid in the second singles match.

Five-Nation Rugby England & Ireland disappoint

LONDON, March 5 (AFP) — Ireland, without a win in Cardiff since 1967, failed miserably again Saturday when they crashed to a 23-9 defeat against Wales in their crucial Five Nations Rugby Union Championship clash, ending their triple crown and Grand Slam hopes.

And at Twickenham, Scotland registered their maiden victory in the championships when they beat England 22-12 after being locked 9-9 at the interval. The Scottish victory left England in the cellar without a win from three engagements.

Wales, 15 of whose points came from full-back Mark Wyatt, now head the table and could even clinch the title if they can beat France at their home turf in a fortnight's time.

Wales won by three tries, three penalties and a conversion to Ireland's three penalties. Wyatt was his side's hero with a try, three penalties and a conversion to put Wales well on the way to an unexpected victory over Ireland.

He scored all of Wales' first-half points, with penalties in the 11th and 18th minutes as well as a try in the 24th minute which he converted himself, while Ireland could manage only two first-half penalties from full-back Hugo McNeill, in the ninth minute, and captain Ollie Campbell after 26 minutes.

Scrum-half Terry Holmes gave Wales a flying start in the second half with a try in the 41st minute, and Eilgan Rees increased their lead with another try in the 47th minute, neither of which were converted.

Campbell, celebrating his 29th birthday kicked Ireland's only second half points with a 60th minute penalty, and Wyatt rounded off a famous victory with a 60th minute penalty to put the result beyond doubt.

The clash at Twickenham saw Scotland winning with two tries, a conversion, a drop goal and three penalties against England's three penalties and a drop goal. England took the lead as early as the first minute when Nigel Horton kicked a drop goal, and England full back Dusty Hare scored two first-half penalties against three from his opposite, number Peter Dods to keep the scores level at half-time.

Laidlaw and Smith scored second-half tries for Scotland, Smith's try being converted by Dods, and Robertson kicked a drop goal, while England could manage only another penalty from Hare.

Standings					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wales	3	2	1	0	5
France	3	2	0	1	4
Ireland	3	2	0	1	4
Scotland	4	1	0	3	2
England	3	0	1	2	1

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Against high-flying Sixers

Bird helps Celtics' take off

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — The Boston Celtics beat first-place Philadelphia 115-110 Friday and raised their record to 43-15 — but still trail the 76ers by seven games in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division with time running out on the regular season.

Larry Bird played with a painful infection in his right foot but still led the Celtics with 32 points as they tied the season series with Philadelphia at 2-2. Kevin McHale added 21 points as the Celtics, playing at home, snapped the Sixers' 10-game winning streak and handed them only their eighth setback in 58 games.

Elsewhere, the Washington Bullets stunned the Los Angeles Lakers 96-93, the Atlanta Hawks trounced the Houston Rockets 115-87, the Milwaukee Bucks downed the Dallas Mavericks 108-102, the Chicago Bulls upended the New Jersey Nets 124-119, the Kansas City Kings trimmed the Indiana Pacers 120-103. The Phoenix Suns defeated the Golden State Warriors 109-102, the San Antonio Spurs beat the San Diego Clippers 107-99 and the Denver Nuggets outlasted

the Portland Trail Blazers 142-138. Bullets 96, Lakers 93: At Landover, Md.



Larry Bird... injury no hindrance

Ricky Sobers' jump shot put Washington ahead with nine seconds remaining and later added two free throws as the Bullets overcame a 19-point deficit. Los Angeles was led by Norm Nixon with 26 points. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 21, but missed his first nine shots in the final period. Jeff Ruland led the Bullets with 26 points and Rick Mahorn had 25.

Hawks 115, Rockets 87: In Atlanta, Tom McMillen, Ricky Brown and Keith Edmonson came off the bench to lead the Hawks to their sixth straight victory. Atlanta reeled off 12 straight points in the last three minutes of the first half to take a 60-46 lead and went on a 32-17 tear in the fourth quarter. McMillen scored 19 points, Brown 16 and Edmonson 14.

Bucks 108, Mavericks 102: At Dallas, Sidney Moncrief scored 31 points, including four free throws in the last 1:08, to pace Milwaukee to its fourth consecutive road victory. Marques Johnson added 27 for the Bucks, who held the Mavericks scoreless for the last 3:23. Dallas, paced by Mark Aguirre's 35 points, led 98-97 with 6:16 to go, but Moncrief and Johnson combined for 13 of the Bucks' final 17 points as Milwaukee outscored Dallas 17-4 down the stretch.

Bulls 124, Nets 119: At Chicago, Rookie Quintin Dailey scored a career-high 29 points and Reggie Theus added 27 to lead the Bulls, who also got a career-high 25 points from rookie Rod Higgins. Alben King paced New Jersey with 31.

Kings 120, Pacers 103: At Kansas City, Larry Drew scored 22 points and fueled a balanced attack to power Kansas City. The Kings had five other players in double figures in handing Indiana its eighth straight defeat.

Suns 109, Warriors 102: Larry Nance scored 10 of his game-high 29 points in the third period as the Suns sent Golden State to its sixth straight loss. With the score tied 56-56, Phoenix reeled off 16 straight points, with Nance accounting for six of them. Golden State scored the first 11 points of the fourth period to cut the deficit to four with 9:57 remaining. But Nance's six points and eight by Walt Davis padded Phoenix's lead.

Spurs 107, Clippers 99: At San Diego, George Gervin scored 24 points and Gene Banks and Artis Gilmore added 19 apiece as San Antonio won for the eighth time in its last 11 games. The Clippers were led by rookie Terry Cummings' 24 points.

Nuggets 142, Blazers 138: At Portland, Dan Issel sank four free throws in the last 36 seconds to cap a Denver Rally and give the Nuggets their sixth straight victory. Denver trailed 114-104 late in the third quarter, but caught up at 126-all with 4:38 remaining on two free throws by Mike Evans. Alex English led the Nuggets with 35 points and doled out 10 assists. Niki Vandeweghe added 29 points, while Issel finished with 25. Calvin Natt led Portland with 33.

In Inverrary Golf Ray Floyd sitting pretty

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 5 (AP) — Veteran Ray Floyd played a near errorless round of 5-under-par 67 and took a three-stroke lead Friday in the second round of the \$400,000 Honda-Inverrary Golf Classic.

The current PGA champion missed only two fairways, by a total of about 12 inches (30 cm), and only once had to one-putt to save par. Floyd has finished two trips over the 7,129-yard Inverrary Country Club course in 134, 10 shots under par.

Payne Stewart, the first round leader, slipped from an opening 65 to a scramble 72. He got tangled up in the trees on the 18th hole, had to hit his third shot left-handed with a putter and eventually got it up and down from a bunker for bogey-5.

The group at 138 was headed by Hubert Gren, whose 7-under 65 represented the best round of the windy day. Also at six under were Kim Nelford, Leonard Thompson, Dave Edwards, Wayne Levi and Mike Donald, who scored eight birdies, a double bogey and two bogeys on the way to a 68.

Nelford managed a 66, including a 30 on the back nine. Levi had a 67, Thompson 68 and Edwards 69. Gary Koch, a 5-stroke winner last week at Doral, had a 71 and topped the group at 139, five under and five off the lead.

Jack Nicklaus had another round of par 72. He was at 144 at the tournament's halfway point. Defending title-holder Hale Irwin had a second-round 70 for 143.

In Kuala Lumpur, Frankie Minoza of the

Philippines and Jay Cudd of United States, each at eight-under-par 208, shared the lead at the end of the third day of the \$150,000 Malaysian Open Championship.

One stroke behind were Americans Robert Wrenn, Tom Sieckmann and Keith Clearwater, Terry Gale of Australia and Jim Rutledge of Canada.

Minoza fired a one-under-par 71 Saturday over the 6,423-meter (7,026 yard) Subang National Golf Club course to add to his overnight 70 and first day 67. Cudd carded an even-par 72 over the 18-hole course after returning an impressive 68 the first two days.

Meanwhile, Anne Marie Talli, her comeback undaunted by the damp, fired a 5-under-par 68 on a drenched course to take the early first-round lead in the Samaritan Turquoise LPGA Classic.

The 27-year-old from Cibourn, France, who requalified for the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour only this past January after losing her card in 1981, posted seven birdies against two bogies and sank a 20-foot (6-meter) chip shot on the No. 2 hole to make light of the wet and the distance over the 6,380-yard (5,834-meter) Arizona Biltmore Course.

Cindy Lincoln, 27, and Vicki Fergon, 27, tied for second place with 3-under 70s. But thunderstorms swirled into Phoenix yet again in the early afternoon, and officials halted play temporarily.



Warren Lees... steals the show

As Cairns, Hadlee strike deadly Sri Lanka in a tight spot

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 5 (AP) — The loss of four wickets for just 18 runs shortly before stumps left Sri Lanka struggling on the second day of the first cricket Test against New Zealand here Saturday.

At the close Sri Lanka were 141 for eight wickets, still three runs short of avoiding the follow-on after New Zealand made 344 in their first innings. Destroyers of the Sri Lankans were medium-pace Lance Cairns, who took four wickets for 49, and fast bowler Richard Hadlee, who bagged two for 32.

The tourists' problems began when Cairns grabbed the scalps of Mithra Wettimuny and Susil Fernando off successive balls with the bat-trick bid but became Cairns' third victims seven runs later and Sri Lanka were 56 for three. Ranjan Madugalle partially stopped the rot, scoring a bright 34 before being run out by a superb throw from Bruce Edgar.

Sri Lanka desperately needed a long partnership from the remaining batsmen to put up a good score. But with half an hour

remaining for stumps, Hadlee came back into the attack and had almost instant success, snatching the wickets of Guy de Alwis and captain Somachandra de Silva cheaply.

Cairns took his fourth wicket when he had Sriharan Jeganathan lbw for six, and Ramesh Ratnayake was run out without scoring as Sri Lanka's hopes nosedived. The New Zealand wicketkeeper Warren Lees had an inspired day, taking three catches and top scoring with 89.

After New Zealand were in difficulty at 171 for seven Friday, Lees featured in substantial partnerships for the last three wickets to help build up a formidable total. His innings was a mixture of sound defensive strokes early when Jeremy Coney was dominating, and attack after Coney had gone.

Lees put on 79 runs in 100 minutes with Coney, 42 in 46 minutes with Martin Snedden, and 52 in just 48 minutes with No. 11 batsman Ewen Chatfield after New Zealand had resumed this morning at 217 for seven. Coney, continuing his gritty batting for New Zealand this season, exceeded his previous best Test score by two before he was run out on 84.

Amarnath slams first ton of tour

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, March 5 (AP) — Mohinder Amarnath's 114 and his century partnerships with Anshuman Gaekwad (81) and Ashok Malhotra led the touring Indian cricket team Friday to a first innings total of 355 for six wickets at the end of the second day of their four-day match against Trinidad and Tobago.

This put them ahead by 162 in reply to Trinidad and Tobago's modest first innings effort of 193. Amarnath's century was the first by the Indians on the tour and confirmed the impressive form he showed in the first Test match against the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, last week.

He and Gaekwad resumed the day at 35 for one and were not separated until just after lunch when Gaekwad was out. Amarnath and Gaekwad put on 141 runs.

Malhotra, playing his first match of the tour, batted with confidence in making 59. But two quick wickets fell after his exit — Arun Lal and Gursharan Singh — both for zero, and Amarnath followed suit after a dogged 114. But Syed Kirmani and Madanlal put new spark in the innings with an unbroken stand of 76. Kirmani was unbeaten on 53 and Madanlal 38 not out.

Brief scores: Trinidad and Tobago 193 vs India 355 for six (A. Gaekwad 81, M. Amarnath 114, A. Malhotra 59, S. Kirmani 53 n.o., Madanlal 38 n.o., D'Harcourt 2 for 44, Mahobir 2 for 52).

NEW ZEALAND (1ST INNINGS):	
G. Turner c de Alwis b John	32
B. Edgar c M. Wettimuny b Ravi	39
J. Wright b Ramesh	13
G. Horwood c Gunasekera b Ravi	0
J. Crowe run out	12
J. Coney run out	84
R. Hadlee b Cairns	12
B. Cairns c M. Wettimuny b Ramesh	3
W. Lees b de Silva	89
M. Snedden c A. de Silva (sub) b. Ramesh	22
E. Chatfield not out	10
Extras:	28
Total:	344
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-93, 3-93, 4-93, 5-137, 6-159, 7-171, 8-250, 9-292.	
BOWLING: Ravi 31-8-125-2; John 12-2-45-2; Ramesh 31-9-93-3; S. de Silva 22-5-10-41-1.	

SRI LANKA 1ST INNINGS:	
S. Wettimuny batting	63
M. Wettimuny c Lees b Cairns	17
S. Fernando b Cairns	1
V. Gunasekera c Lees b Cairns	4
R. Madugalle run out	34
S. de Silva c Lees b Hadlee	7
Ravi Ratnayake run out	0
G. de Alwis c Turner b Hadlee	0
S. Jeganathan lbw Cairns	6
Extras:	10
Total (for 8 wickets)	141
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-49, 3-56, 4-104, 5-126, 6-129, 7-133, 8-140.	
BOWLING: Hadlee 12-1-32-2; Snedden 10-2-31-0; Cairns 14-5-6-49-4; Chatfield 14-4-19-0.	

U.S. panel to control boxing urged

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — A U.S. congressman has proposed establishing a federal boxing commission to regulate the sport.

Pat Williams of Montana, a member of the House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee, said his proposed legislation would set up a commission to prescribe regulations governing fighter safety and uniformity to regulate the sport.

Earlier this week, representative James J. Florio, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism, introduced legislation to create a 10-member commission to study boxing for nine months and report to Congress with legislative recommendations. Florio's subcommittee has held one hearing already and will conduct another one in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on his legis-

lation next Friday.

A longtime fan of the sport, Williams said, "The very viability of boxing is questioned. If those of us who support boxing do not move to correct some of the glaring problems associated with it — such as fighter protection and inadequate equipment — others will."

He said there have been congressional calls for further study, "but I say the problems have been studied long enough. We need to solve some of the problems now, and a federal commission is the way to do it."

Under the Williams Bill which he introduced earlier this week, a registry of fighters would be mandated and a uniform certificate of condition would be presented before fighters are allowed to enter the ring. The bill also begins the process necessary to establish a pension program for fighters.

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NONALIGNED SUMMIT

With all the goodwill in the world, it is still hard to determine how effective is the nonaligned movement. This is because it has not really been translated into a concrete reality which can affect the policies and actions of the superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States. The movement was conceived by its pioneers Nasser, Nehru and Tito, as a potential world force lying between the two immensely powerful states perhaps in the hope that they could either influence their policies or at least stay their hands a little bit.

Unfortunately, this has not been the case and the nonaligned movement has remained almost static and is not being taken seriously either by the U.S. or the Soviet Union because of its own inherent weaknesses and half-hearted application of the principles behind the concept.

Admittedly, there cannot be absolute nonalignment because the two superpowers have sufficient power, reach and resources that cannot be ignored. But many of the member states meeting in New Delhi today have not really cared to uphold those principles to the best of their abilities. Lots of them are either too pro-Soviet or too pro-American to be considered genuinely nonaligned.

There are many crucial issues of international significance that the movement can tackle. But beyond issuing a final communiqué condemning this and censuring that, it lacks the mechanics of bringing about the changes that it seeks.

However, the nonaligned movement is still a moral force to be reckoned with although it is wasting an inordinate amount of time haggling over the seating of Cambodia and Chad when it should attend to more momentous events like the world economic order, the Gulf war, the Israeli invasion and occupation of Arab countries, the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, the U.S. aggression against Central American states, and other solutions. They might also review the fortunes that some of them are squandering on arms to confront each other by enriching the coffers of the superpowers with hard-earned foreign exchange, while hundreds of millions of their own people are hardly able to get a square meal a day.

Saudi Arabian press review

The nonaligned summit in New Delhi, Israeli intransigence on troop withdrawal from Lebanon and its repressive measures on occupied West Bank figured prominently in the papers Saturday.

Okaz expressed the hope that the nonaligned summit would succeed in re-establishing unity among the nonaligned movement to enable it to play an "influential, international political role." The paper also hoped the New Delhi gathering would achieve positive results, on issues like the Iran-Iraq war and the Palestine problem.

It urged the summit to adopt the Arab-Middle East peace plan which "represents a practical, just solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict." The paper called on participants to press the Iranian regime to accept peace proposals aiming at putting an end to bloodshed.

Al-Bilad said Israeli intransigence has led the slow-moving troop withdrawal talks to stalemate. It said the talks which had now ranged over 20 rounds, had proved the falsehood of Israeli allegations about peace and security in the region. The paper praised Lebanon's adherence to its Arab character and determina-

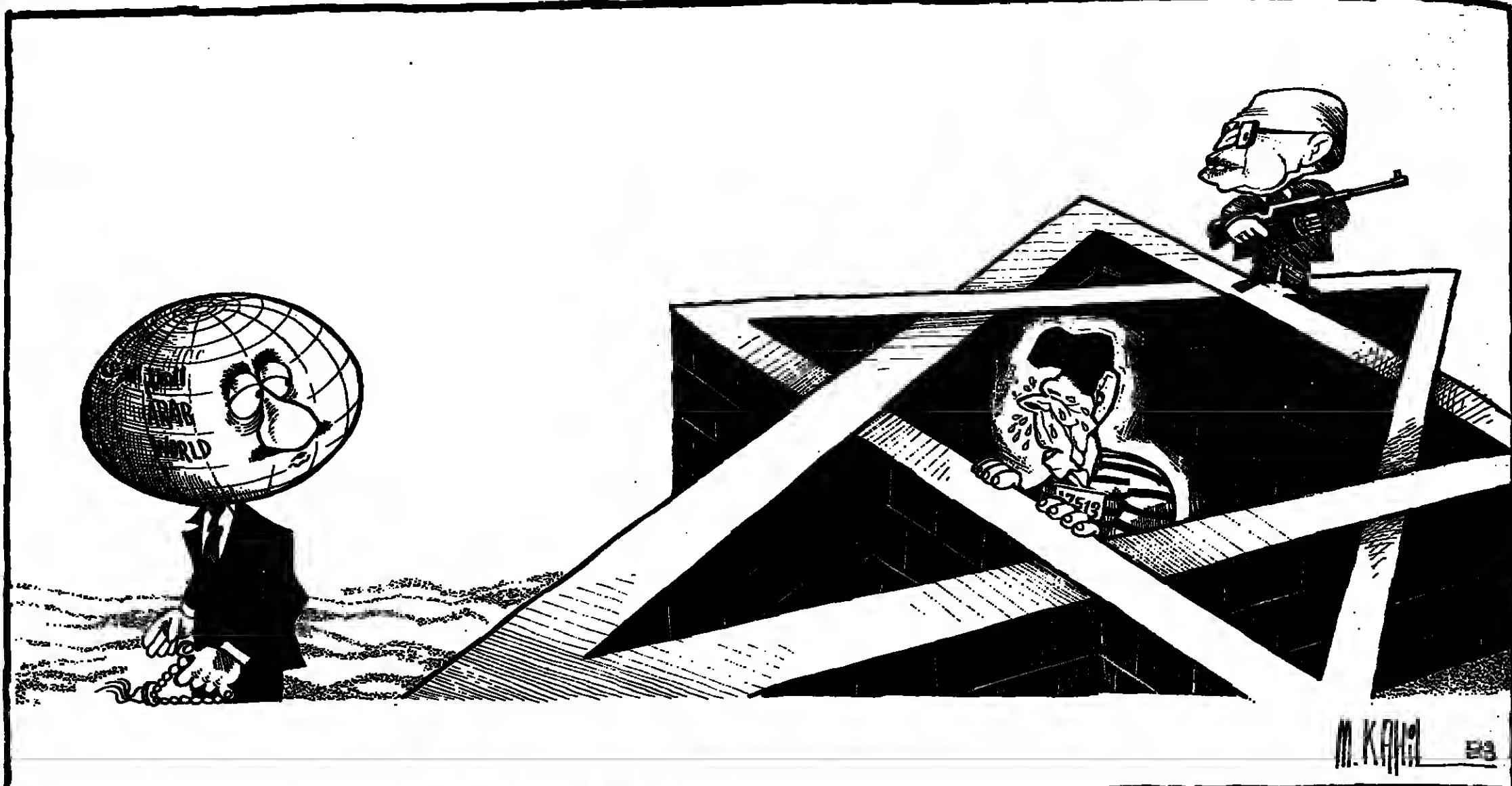
tion to foil Zionist designs to separate it from the Arab nation.

It also admired Lebanon's firm stand at the talks and its insistence to liberate itself from Zionist troops and exercise authority all over Lebanon.

Al-Yom said the current Israeli criminal acts against inhabitants of the occupied West Bank "are but a prelude to a premeditated Zionist plan to annex the territory in line with Jewish designs to create the so-called greater Israel."

Commenting on the discovery of an explosive device at Al-Aqsa mosque Friday, only 90 minutes before noon prayers, it said "such acts are intended to terrify Arab inhabitants and oust them from their land to be ultimately annexed by the Zionist entity."

The paper ridiculed the so-called Israeli democracy, hailed by foreign media in the wake of the judicial inquiry into massacres committed against Palestinian refugees in Sabra and Shatila camps. It asked about the foreign media's stand on daily Israeli oppression against the harmless Arab people in occupied territories seeking to recover their homeland. The paper urged a collective Arab stand against Israeli practices to "foil Zionist expansionist designs." (SPA)



Small parties may hold balance of power in Germany

By Michael Cousins
London Bureau

LONDON — West Germans go to the polls today (Sunday) to elect a new federal government but even at this eleventh hour it is still impossible to predict with any certainty who is going to win — the governing Christian Democratic Union led by Chancellor Helmut Kohl or the Social Democratic Party led by Hans-Jochen Vogel. The polls have forecast that the CDU will win an outright majority by just a hair's breadth, taking just over 50 percent of the votes, and already the business community is enthusiastically looking forward to a period of center-right government.

However, within the ranks of the CDU itself, there is a lot more caution. One party official privately admitted to *Arab News* Thursday that everything it still open. His own analysis is that the CDU will take just under 50 percent of the vote while around 45 percent will go to the SPD. If this happens, it will leave the balance of power in the hand of the junior parties — either the liberal Free Democratic Party, which is in coalition at the moment with the CDU, or the new ecologist Green Party. The big question, therefore, that everyone in West Germany is asking is how well are the FDP and the Greens going to do. Behind the scenes, the CDU are none too optimistic of their FDP partners' chances.

Under the electoral system, half of the Federal parliament's 496 seats are directly elected with individual candidates standing for constituencies, while the other half are indirectly elected using the party list system. (There are a further 22 seats for West Berlin members, but they are nominated by the West Berlin Senate.) For the second system party lists are drawn up for each federal state and the electorate have a second vote to cast for the party of their choice. The problem for the Free Democrats (and for all small parties) is that there is an initial five percent hurdle. No seats at all are given to any party that achieves less than a five percent vote nationally. Given the slim chances of the FDP winning any seats directly, the nightmare that will be disturbing the sleep of the Christian Democrats is that they will just fail to take 50 percent of the vote, and then, on top of it, the FDP fails the five percent hurdle.

There are good grounds for concern for the FDP. They used to take a consistent 10 percent of the vote but their ratings have plummeted ever since they switched support from the SPD to the CDU. By bringing down the Schmidt government and allowing the Christian Democrats to take over, the FDP has attracted a lot of bitterness and resentment. Helmut Schmidt, who subsequently resigned as SPD leader to be followed by Herr Vogel, was the most popular politician in the country, and there is little doubt that if he were still leading the SPD at the moment, it would win easily.

The Free Democrats have, in fact, managed to claw back some of their support and it is probable that when it comes to the crunch today many of their long-time supporters will rally to the flag rather than abstain. Their political demise has been predicted so many times before but their inner core of support has always stood firm when the votes were cast. The problem for the FDP is that the party's support is not evenly distributed throughout the country. While they may easily receive 10 percent in certain areas, the rules are that they must achieve more than five percent nationally to qualify in the share-out of seats.

On the other hand, forecasts for the radical Green Party are much more confident and

enthusiastic. Last week, they were tipped to win just over five percent of the vote, which would give them around 35 seats in the federal parliament. The reason for their spectacular popularity, considering that they are still in the political infancy, is the importance of the nuclear debate in West Germany at the moment. Although the country's economic miracle is over and unemployment is over 2.5 million — the latest figures released Thursday again showed an increase in those out of work — the question of unemployment, the economy and how it should be handled seems to have been ignored almost totally.

The young, particularly from the middle class from whom the Green Party draws its support, is far more interested in the issue of the bomb than anything else, and the question has touched a sensitive nerve as far as West Germans are concerned. They are feeling particularly vulnerable at the moment with all the talk of nuclear proliferation and nuclear disarmament going on. They know that West Germany would be the main battle zone in the event of a new European war.

The location of Cruise and Pershing missiles, relations with Moscow and East Germany and who will be foreign minister have, therefore, become crucial factors in the election campaign.

In the last few days, however, support for the Greens seems to have slipped back and some commentators are beginning to wonder whether the party will have to wait a few more years before taking seats in the Bundestag, the federal parliament. Many in the party are Marxists under a different color and their naïveté has shocked many who while sympathizing with their ecological aims also want a government that has policies, economic and other issues and the ability to carry them out. Moreover, the SPD has moved leftward in its short period of opposition and many West Germans fear that a coalition with the Greens would pull it not only further leftward, but sideways as well.

People are already talking about a Green/red combination with considerable trepidation. Certainly the Greens, if they are needed to prop up an SPD government, will be in a position to turn West Germany into a nuclear-free zone.

The consequences of that for NATO would be disastrous. No wonder, therefore, that Moscow has been hoping the SPD and Greens win. If, however, — as all the latest indications suggest — the Greens are falling back and the Free Democrats have pulled themselves together, then Herr Kohl will hold on to the chancellorship. He may well do so without FDP help. Certainly, it is noticeable in the last few days just how much more confident he has become — both in contrast with other politicians and with his own previous image. Despite their preferences, the Soviets now appear to believe he will win and have started courting him. The government's disarmament expert, Friedrich Ruge, has recently been in Moscow and there is now talk in Bonn that Kohl himself will be going there after the election and that the East German leader Erich Honecker will be in the federal capital for talks shortly.

The Christian Democrats should be ahead of the Social Democrats, which they clearly are, at a time of rocketing unemployment (although inflation has been brought down) may seem odd. Even unemployed working class West Germans — normally solid supporters of the SPD — have declared they intend to vote CDU. In fact, this is not so much out of support for the latter as disillusionment with the former, who, after all, were in charge of the country's economy for 13 years until last October. Few voters believe that it is only since then that the economic problems started.

The swing away of traditional support from the SPD is almost a carbon copy of what has been going on in Britain, where Labor's lack of credibility has worked in the Conservatives' favor. It is the same in West Germany. Herr Kohl clearly has more credibility than Herr Vogel. However, it has to be added that the economic policies of the two parties are remarkably similar. While in opposition, the CDU condemned the Social Democrats for their heavy borrowing which was needed to pay for their various programs and promised to reduce taxes and social security payments. In the few months they have been in power, however, borrowing has increased even further as have taxes and social security payments. Likewise, financial support has been channeled into a number of industries to keep them afloat. Unlike President Reagan and Mrs.

Thatcher, Herr Kohl does not believe in letting lame ducks die off quietly.

Foreign policy is the key issue dividing the two parties in the election, and the issue at stake is whether West Germany takes the road down to neutrality or stays firmly in NATO. Of course, other foreign policy issues come into it. Privately, CDU party officials indicate that if they win, the ban on sales of Leopard tanks to Arab countries will be lifted.

One of the big questions for West Germans, however, is who becomes their foreign minister. At the moment, the post is held by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the leader of the FDP. He guards it jealously, having taken it with him when he switched coalition partners. If, after the poll, the FDP is again the junior government partner, Genscher will hold on to the job. But that depends on the party receiving more than five percent of the vote and the CDU taking less than 50 percent. There is someone else, however, who desperately wants to become foreign minister and that is the right-wing Franz Josef Strauss, the leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, which takes the place of the CDU in that part of the federal republic; the two, the CDU and the CSU, always go hand in hand.

Strauss is much further to the right than Kohl and he is hoping for an outright majority so as not to be dependent on the Free Democrats, for whom he has nothing but contempt. If the CDU (and the CSU) obtains that majority, he will be in a strong position to demand both the foreign ministry and the vice-chancellorship and West Germany will be wedded even more firmly than ever before to the West, with its sights firmly set against Moscow. President Reagan would no doubt be happy if that were the case, but it would do nothing to end the increasing polarization of politics in West Germany.

The possible outcomes today are exceptionally varied. Will Herr Kohl remain in power, and if so, on whom will he be dependent, the Free Democrats or Herr Strauss? Or will the Social Democrats just make it back supported by the radical Greens? The polls are in favor of Herr Kohl — but only just.

Spare a thought, however, for the poor voters of the Rheinland-Palatinate, one of the states of the federal republic. By coincidence, their land elections are also today. In a further coincidence, Herr Vogel's brother, Bernhard, is a candidate for the state premiership — but not for the SPD. He is the CDU's candidate.

All the evidence is that at least half the West German electorate do not understand the two-vote system anyway. In Rheinland-Palatinate, where they will have third vote, the results are going to be very interesting.

Sayings of the past week

Ushewokunze, Zimbabwean minister of home affairs, on Ian Smith's request for the return of his passport.

Vogel? With a party like his, and support from those Greens, I'd call him a Vogelsbeuche (scarecrow). — **Franz Josef Strauss, Christian Social Union leader, on Hans Jochen Vogel, Social Democratic candidate for the West German Chancellorship.**

Divorce is a long, drawn out thing. That's why people prefer the sudden actions of murder or vanishing. — **Professor Hans Eysenck, Institute of Psychiatry, London.**

There was no way I was going to die on national television. — **Bernard Schuler, object of the first major heart operation to be screened live on U.S. television.**

What I am desperately trying to do is create one nation with everyone being a man of property, or having the opportunity to be a man of property. — **Premier Margaret Thatcher.**

Deterrence is uncertainty. That's what it's all about. — **Eugene Rostow, former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.**

To pose an unacceptable risk to the enemy is to pose the same risk, maybe an even greater one, to yourself. — **Field Marshal Lord Carver.**

Those weeping Soviet grandmothers, who will deck with flowers the graves of the last war, have dry eyes for Afghanistan. — **E.P. Thompson, British historian and peace campaigner.**

The main problem is how to keep your life flexible, and not to petrify it with a truth. Everything which has the touch of repetition has the smell of death. — **Max Frisch, Swiss playwright and novelist.**

Ideally, awful things should happen to you when you fall in love, the dog gets ill, the plumbing goes wrong, your face comes out in spots, so that he sees you at your worst instead of your, unlikeliest best. — **Jill Bennett, British actress.**

He's not a mean old man. He genuinely cares even if his economic policies do not necessarily work in that direction. — **Mal Elfin, Newsweek's Washington bureau chief, on President Reagan.**

In the last 10 years or so both the Keynesian and the monetarist explanations, which are anyway not mutually exclusive, have been found to be inadequate. I think all economists are to some extent at sea in describing how the economy works. — **Sir Douglas Wass Permanent secretary to the U.K. Treasury.**

I would suggest that if his Rhodesia is real, he should apply for a Rhodesian passport to the relevant Rhodesian authorities. — **Dr. Herbert**

Assam massacres
The anti-Muslim riots and bloodbath in Assam have been going on for the last three years. The danger to the Muslims was well known. Where were the one-million-strong Indian Army and the internal security forces? Why were they not used to prevent the bloodbath? The Assam massacres have surpassed those at Sabra and Sbatila by the Phalangists and the Israelis.

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Freedom in Philippines

Sir,
I beg to disagree with Bonifacio Malaya's view that there is a continued and unabated repression of the basic rights and freedom of the common Filipinos by Marcos (*Arab News*, Feb. 20).

Malaya who has just returned from Manila claims

to have heard accounts of indiscriminate arrests and intimidation, brutality and torture by the military. I have also just returned from my vacation in the Philippines but I did not see or hear of any case of repression of human rights, intimidation, brutality or torture by the men in uniform. Other Filipinos in the Kingdom also have not complained against the administration of President Marcos. In fact, they talk of continued development in Manila and other regions in the Philippines which is contrary to the exaggerated observations of Malaya. If he is to be believed, he should have cited specific examples.

Freedom of the press is not suppressed in the Philippines. In the exercise of this freedom, however, the press should be responsible. It has its own limitations. It has no license to malign people and print inflammatory articles that would, in effect, shake the basic foundations of the state.

Carl Gerona
Riyadh

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 6, the 65th day of 1983. There are 300 days left to the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1664 — France and Brandenburg form an alliance.

1821 — Revolt in Moldavia against oppressive rule of the Turks.

1882 — Prince Milan proclaims himself king of Serbia with Austrian support.

1922 — United States prohibits export of arms to China.

1944 — U.S. Air Force begins daylight bombings of Berlin, Germany.

1946 — France recognizes Vietnam as free state within Indochina federation.

1957 — Two former British colonies of Gold Coast and Togoland form independent West African nation of Ghana. Israeli troops band over Gaza Strip to United Nations force.

1962 — United States pledges to defend Thailand against direct Communist aggression without waiting for action by Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

1965 — U.S. Defense Department announces that 3,500 U.S. Marines are being sent to South Vietnam — first American ground combat troops committed to fighting against Communist guerrillas.

1971 — South Vietnamese report capture of key Communist supply hub in Sepone (Tachepone) on Ho Chi Minh trail in southern Laos.

1976 — Canada agrees in principle to end two-year ban on nuclear assistance to India.

1982 — Five of the 24 Muslim extremists accused of involvement in assassination of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat are sentenced to death.

Thought for Today:

Ask yourself whether you are happy, and you cease to be so — John Stuart Mill, English philosopher-economist (1806-1873).

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Arab heritage -5

Spain under Islamic flag: Granada's ever-lasting glory

By Peter Boxhall
Special to Arab News

The Muslims first set foot in Spain in 710 A.D. About 400 soldiers landed at Tarifa, just west of Gibraltar, a place which came to be called after their leader. Following this successful reconnaissance, a full-scale invasion was made in the following year by 7,000 troops who, on this occasion, landed where Gibraltar is located today. Mostly Berber, their leader was Tariq ibn Ziyad, the commander of the Muslim garrison in Tangier.

Jabal Tariq, contracted, thus became Gibraltar, and so began the Muslim conquest of Spain, the physical legacy of which remains today — to be admired by those troops' Arab successors and others of us — of the principal Islamic architectural splendors of Spain in Cordoba, Seville and Granada.

Of course those first Muslim troops were soldier-administrators, not builders; and there were to be many formidable victories and defeats to be won by or inflicted upon them, before the great Arab dynasties, who succeeded the original Berbers, were settled enough in Islamic Spain, in their newly acquired western outpost of the Arab empire.

In 756 A.D. Adur Rahman I made Cordoba the capital of Islamic Spain. Except for the Great Mosque, however, probably very little had been built by then but, in 912, Abdur Rahman III succeeded his grandfather, and this young man of 21 years was to bring Al-Andalus to a height of greatness, and with it Cordoba, which was to become the capital of the Arab empire.

By the middle of the tenth century, Cordoba was by far the greatest city and center of learning in Europe. We read in Reinhart Dozy's *Spanish Islam* of "its half-million inhabitants, its three thousand mosques, its hundred and thirteen thousand houses, and its twenty-eight suburbs."

An Islamic bridge with 16 arches crosses the River Guadalquivir ('Wadi al Kabir') and leads into Cordoba. Behind the city, where it is sometimes so cold that those early Arabs could scarcely bear it, are hills — I have been to Cordoba recently, and they were coated with snow, so I do not wonder at the cold felt by these Arabs of the desert — on which there are orange and olive groves, and gardens, which would have been some consolation for the first Arab inhabitants, something familiar, and to the west of this, near the river, lies the 'Alcazar', the original nucleus of the town. It had originally been a royal residence of the Arab Caliphs. Now, sadly, it is in ruins, except one section of it, which is used as a prison. Yet the glory of Cordoba, then and now is the Great Mosque, and that stands proudly for all to see and admire. Adur Rahman II doubled the size of the original structure, built by his father, and subsequently it became a rectangular building measuring 590 feet by 425 feet, little less than St. Peter's in Rome.

Within, there is a forest of marble columns. Once there had been 1,200 of them, now there are no more than 850: monolithic columns of jasper, porphyry and other types, acquired by successive dynasties from Nimes, Seville, Taragona, Carthage, and a hundred and forty of them as a gift from the Emperor Leo in Constantinople. Most precious of all, though, is the third mihrab, a small octagonal recess, with a roof of a single block of white marble carved in the form of a shell, with its walls inlaid with Byzantine mosaics.

The most splendid survival in Seville from the Muslim period is the 'Alcazar Palace,' which was built in 1181, and which lies on the Guadalquivir River. The splendid courts and state apartments of the palace date mostly from the Mudéjar period and are comparable in beauty to those of Granada. Other extant, Islamic buildings are the tower of San Marcos church, (formerly the minaret of a mosque); the Puerta del Perdon; two sides of the cathedral's Patio de Naranjos ('Court of Orange Trees'); and the lower part of the Giralda, now a belfry, which was formerly the minaret of Seville's main mosque. Built for Yusuf I, this minaret, originally 250 feet high, has a surface of yellow brick and stone panels.

Muhammad I (852-866), the first of the Nasrid rulers, made Granada his Spanish capital, but it was principally under two later rulers of the dynasty, Yusuf I and Muham-

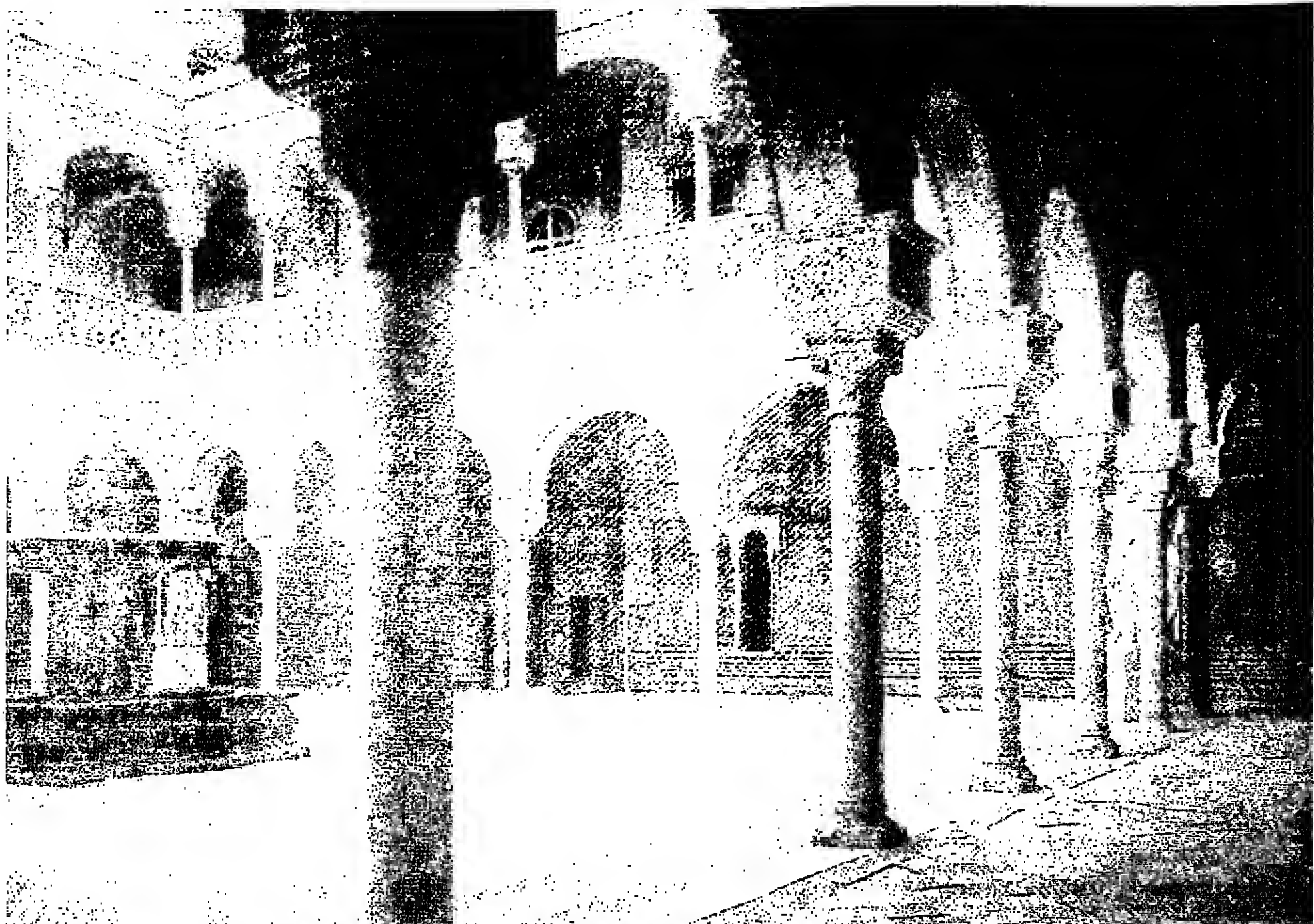
mad V, that the magnificent fortress palace of 'Al Hamra' ('The Red') was built.

Al Hamra is undoubtedly a marvel of the architectural ingenuity of man. Surrounded by extensive gardens and parks, one enters the complex through 'The Gate of Pomegranates'. A steep ascent then leads one to the main palace entrance, 'The Gate of Judgment'. What lies within? Certainly one of the most evocative, exciting series of buildings imaginable. Is it not written: "...who has not seen Granada, has not seen anything."

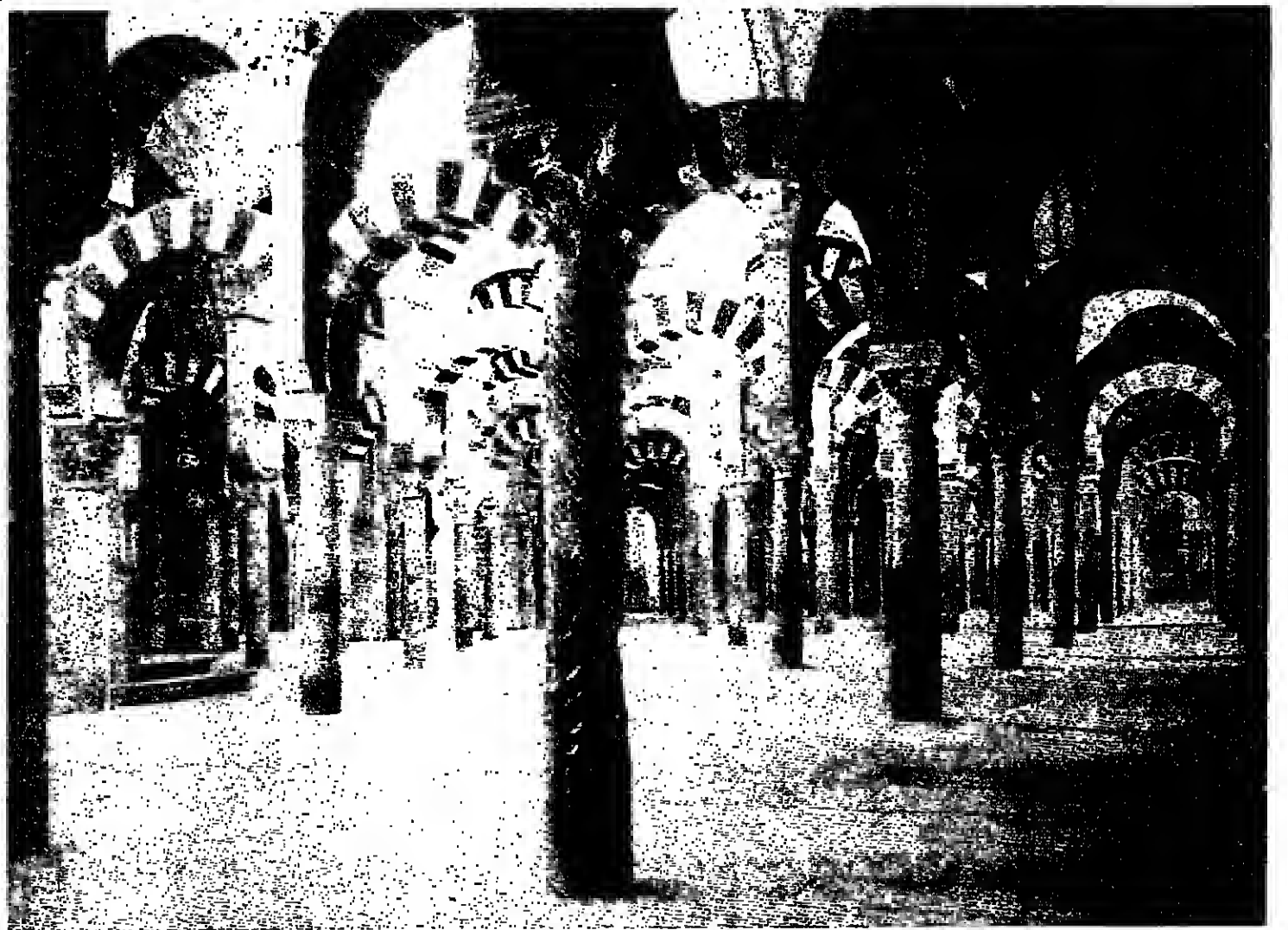
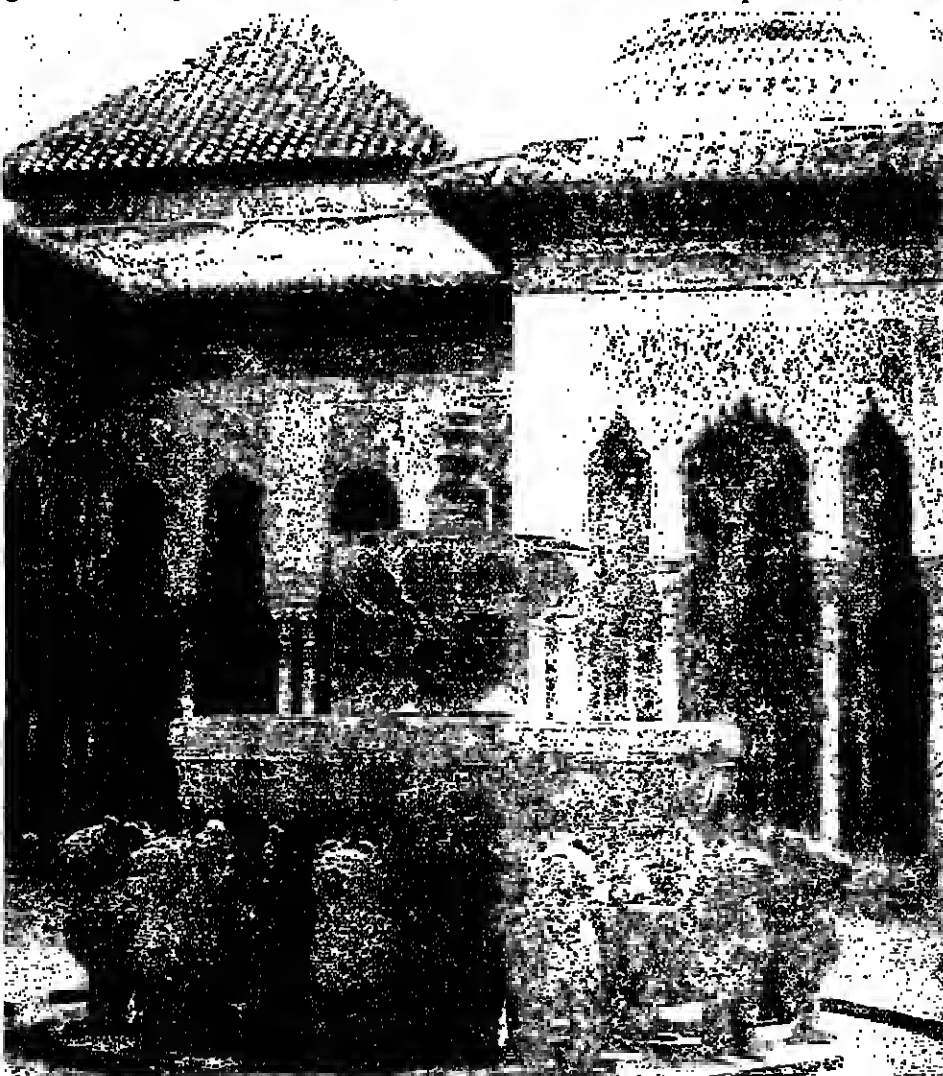
I have seen and admired its superlativeness — every niche and historical cranny of it, from the celebrated 'Court of the Lions' to the 'Court of Blessing' — but I will defer to the more adequate descriptive powers of Ameer Ali, the famous Muslim writer:

The towers, citadels and palaces, with their light and elegant architecture, the graceful porticos and colonnades, the domes and ceilings still glowing with tints which have lost none of their original brilliancy; the airy halls, constructed to admit the perfume of the surrounding gardens; the numberless fountains over which the owners had such perfect control that the water could be made high or low, visible or invisible at pleasure, sometimes allowed to spout in the air and at other times to spread out in large oblong sheets, in which were reflected buildings, fountains and serene, azure sky; the lovely arabesques, paintings and mosaics finished with such care and accuracy as to make even the smallest apartment fascinating, and illuminated in various shades of gold, pink, light blue and dusky purple; the lovely dados of porcelain, mosaics of various figures and colors; the beautiful Hall of Lions with its colister of 128 slender and graceful columns, its blue and white pavement, its harmony of scarlet, azure and gold; the arabesques glowing with color like the pattern on a cashmere shawl, its lovely marble filigree filling in the arches, its beautiful cupolas, its famous alabaster cup in the center; the enchanting Hall of Music; the lovely coloring of the stalactites in the large halls — all these require a master's pen to describe.

Perhaps, however, even Ameer Ali was not master enough to pen an adequate description of this magnificent city. If not, it would be a justifiable excuse for imploring Arab people who have "...not seen anything..." but who have a sense of their own magnificent history, as well as others of us, to see Granada, and to form an opinion as to the greatest of the splendors of Islamic Spain.



ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY: There are many buildings and monuments in Spain which remind you of the splendid architectural legacy left behind by Islam. One of them is the Casa de Pilatos (14th century) whose courtyard is seen above. Below, left: The Al-Hamra-the Lion Fountain constructed in 1377. Two similar fountains were later built for the famed Kairouan Mosque in Fez, Morocco. Right: Columns in the Great Mosque of Cordoba. The construction of the mosque started in 785 and underwent changes and additions until 990.



Bolivia still under cocaine Mafia rule

By Peter J. McFarren

SANTA ANA DE YACUMA, Bolivia (AP) — When Roberto Suarez Jr. came home from a Miami jail, acquitted of drug trafficking charges, a brass band greeted his plane on the dirt landing strip of this village in Bolivia's cattle country.

His father, Roberto Suarez Gomez, head of a multimillion-dollar cocaine operation centered here, arrived under heavy guard by air from one of his nearby ranches and threw five and ten U.S.-dollar bills to children from the plane's window.

Twenty calves were flown from the main provincial city, Trinidad, and another plane crossed the Andes from La Paz, the national capital with another cargo of food and beverages. For the next several days, the 5,000 people of Santa Ana de Yacuma feasted, and danced in joy.

The homecoming party of last year is one indication how openly Bolivia's cocaine barons operate, even since President Hernan Siles Zuazo took office in October pledging to fight the trafficking tolerated by a string of military regimes.

Government officials have reported a few arrests of minor drug dealers and the seizure of 224 kilograms of cocaine paste in four months. This is less than 3 percent of Bolivia's estimated production during that period, drug enforcement experts say.

The lack of progress was one factor in the breakup of Siles Zuazo's fragile three-party leftist coalition in January. The Leftist Revolutionary Movement relinquished its six cabinet posts after failing to force the resignation of Interior Minister Mario Roncal, who

is responsible for law enforcement.

Testifying before Bolivia's senate at the time, Roncal conceded: "They say drug trafficking is on the increase, and that is true. They say airplanes carrying 100 to 200 kilograms of cocaine leave the country, and that is also true."

Blaming "an acute shortage of economic and technical resources," the minister added, "if the United States, with all its resources, cannot prevent the arrival of planes loaded with drugs, how can a poor country like ours prevent these planes from leaving."

In an interview, Siles Zuazo said: "We are committed to arrest people like Suarez and other godfathers. This is part of plans and operations that cannot be made public until they are carried out. The drug traffickers have a lot of money and are better armed than our national guard. To fight them will demand not only a high material cost but also a high cost in lives."

Drug enforcement experts say, however, that Bolivia can do more with what it already has, such as setting up controls at airports and investigating the finances of people who suddenly become conspicuously rich.

In Trinidad, passengers arrive from the coca leaf producing region of Cochabamba on commercial flights with suitcases full of cocaine paste or dollars. They transfer to private planes with no interference from drug enforcement officials, said an air force officer who declined to be named.

A pilot at the air strip here said he received offers of up to \$100,000 to fly cocaine paste to Colombia.

The influx of "coca dollars" has replaced cattle as the chief source of income here in Bolivia's northeast Beni province over the past year and a half, and it continues unabated. One public official estimated half the guests at Trinidad's elegant hotel Ganadero are involved in the drug trade.

Some ranchers lease their airstrips to drug traffickers, while others complain of the inflationary effect on land prices. Bankers in La Paz say drug dealers in Trinidad, anxious to wash their dollars, are often the only source for trading in U.S. currency during Bolivia's chronic shortages of foreign exchange.

Santa Ana de Yacuma and the nearby villages of San Ramon, San Borja and Santa Rosa have moved quickly out of the oxcart age and welcomed late model cars, sophisticated airplanes and shiny motorcycles, thanks to the drug money.

Suarez, head of a cattle-raising family, has gained a heroic reputation in his home village by donating money for public works and sewing machines for the women.

Drug enforcement sources, who decline to be named, believe Suarez has been surpassed recently by Bolivia's wealthiest drug dealer by Walter Chavez Martillo.

Chavez, who is wanted on drug charges by the Bolivian government, is reported to have paid \$5 million cash to acquire a 150,000-hectare cattle estate, with its own village from a prominent industrialist and landowner, Oscar Gasser Bowles. It is the largest known land purchase in Bolivia by the drug Mafia, the sources said.

U.S. Navy's dilemma

A story striking parallels to Watergate

By Michael Getler

WASHINGTON (WP) — This is a story about a Republican president and a Democratic named O'Brien.

The president was being harassed on all sides by political opponents and now, he was being told, the Democrats had put together a file filled with potentially incriminating information about him. The file was in the office of O'Brien.

So the president ordered a secret and illegal break-in at the Democratic Party office using people on the federal government payroll. The break-in was carried out but the burglars came up empty-handed.

The story sounds familiar — just like the 1972 Watergate break-in at the offices of then-Democratic national chairman Lawrence F. O'Brien. That action eventually led to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon.

But the events described above took place in 1930, when an earlier Republican president, Herbert Hoover, ordered a break-in at a Democratic Party office in New York, thinking potentially damaging files that could topple his administration were stored there. This episode, and its striking parallels to Watergate, is revealed for the first time in an unlikely place: a new history of U.S. naval intelligence operations between 1919 and 1945 called *Conflict of Duty, the U.S. Navy's Intelligence Dilemma*.

The author is Jeffery M. Dorwart, an associate professor of history at Rutgers

University who wrote an earlier book on the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI). The new book is to be published in April by the prestigious Naval Institute Press, an arm of the U.S. Naval Institute in Annapolis.

The link between unauthorized domestic break-ins and naval intelligence is that Hoover used an intelligence officer on active duty and a retired police inspector to carry out the job. In the 1972 Watergate break-in, he generally has been surmised that the burglars were looking for incriminating information about potential Democratic contenders for the presidency. In the 1930 episode, the reverse situation applied.

"His presidency paralyzed by the worst economic depression in American history and reeling from vicious political attacks," Dorwart writes, "Herbert Hoover had become overly excitable and sensitive to any opposition or criticism. Thus, when he received a confidential report alleging that the Democrats had accumulated a file of data so damaging that if made public it would destroy both his reputation and his entire administration, Hoover determined to gain access to the material."

Dorwart reports that Hoover, using connections to the financial community in New York, enlisted the aid of the third naval district intelligence officer at the time, Glenn Howell.

As historical documentation for his account, Dorwart uses the secret log books

of Howell, which are in the naval historical division at the Washington Navy Yard. When Howell and his civilian helper, Robert J. Peterkin, broke into the offices in June 1930, they found them empty and, after tracking down the mysterious O'Brien, evaluated him as a low-level political operator who posed no threat to the president.

Despite Howell's anxieties about his mission, Dorwart reports that "no leaks occurred and details about the president's initiation into political surveillance and abuse of presidential power remained locked in Howell's secret logbook. ..." Dorwart reports that the office of naval intelligence has sealed the third naval district files on this matter. In a telephone interview, Dorwart said no reference to the episode is to be found in the Hoover Library and that the sole specific verification comes from Howell's diaries, some 30 volumes of them, which the family donated to the navy historical division several years ago.

The episode about Hoover and the Democrats portrays the misuse of the presidency and the military "for strictly personal reasons" Dorwart writes. But the bulk of his book is about the dilemma faced by intelligence officers during an era when political passions about alleged subversives ran high, especially in some quarters of the military. In his judgment, the ONI never reconciled very well the contradiction between its legal responsibilities in intelligence matters and its extralegal activities.

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Optimism prevails

Recession bottoming out, EEC panel says

BRUSSELS, March 5 (R) — The European Economic Community commission said Friday there were increasing signs that consumers, industrialists and investors in the 10-nation bloc felt the worst of the recession was over.

"A small but widespread improvement in

Canada may bar EEC fishermen

OTTAWA, March 5 (AFP) — Canada may forbid European fishermen to trawl off the Newfoundland Grand Banks this year, Fisheries and Oceans Minister Pierre de Bane warned here.

In a long communique he said Friday that he would apply if the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC) did not repay the Canadian fishing industry what it owes for failing to observe a 1981 long-term fishing agreement.

That pact gave European vessels a quota of 16,000 tons of cod last year in return for allowing packaged Canadian fish into EEC countries — mainly Britain — at favorable tariff rates. But Canada says the EEC did not keep its side of the bargain.

Whatever the outcome of the dispute, the 1983 quota for EEC trawlers falls from 16,000 tons to 10,600 tons under the pact.

Canadian fishermen are also angry because the EEC has banned the import of baby seal-skins — which means that if fewer young seals are culled, there will be more adults to eat the fish, thus reducing fishermen's income.

the economic sentiment took place in the beginning of the year," it said in a comment on a business survey carried out in January.

The commission, the executive arm of the community, added that grounds for a more optimistic forecast of economic activity in 1983 were still slight as the improvement in community opinion was quite recent.

The survey, performed on a monthly basis, takes into account stock exchange prices, the views of consumers and heads of industrial and construction firms. The participants are asked whether they felt more or less optimistic in the current month than they did in the previous one.

The commission said that, if the improved sentiment shown in January was reinforced in the next few months, conditions would be favorable for a strengthening of economic activity.

The survey mentioned as positive factors declines in interest rates, oil prices and in industrial stock levels. "Added to this, a general decline in inflation is tending to strengthen real income levels and thus consumers' potential demand," the commission said.

West Germany showed the clearest signs of revival in economic expectations, it said. Positive answers from participants there were in the majority for the second successive month.

A similar, though slightly less marked improvement took place in the Netherlands and slight but widespread improvements were noted in Belgium and Britain, while economic expectations were slightly more gloomy in Italy.

In France, the economic sentiment indicator has been stable at a low level for the last three months.

Tanker market trading in the doldrums

LONDON, March 5 (AFP) — Trading on the tanker market was in the doldrums this week as dealers awaited news from the "mini-OPEC" meeting in London.

Many brokers thought that any official reduction in the benchmark price will be "insufficient" to revitalize demand in view of the current "enormous" surplus of oil.

Even allowing for heavy reductions in inventories, there is still a build-up of stocks in the United States. But others pointed out that a much reduced crude price may encourage demand.

But as E.A. Gibson, London-based ship-brokers emphasized, it will need a "pretty large upsurge" to reduce the present glut of large ships available in the Gulf states area (14.5 million tons, plus another six million tons of relet tonnage available).

In the Gulf states, the only activity of any note was in Iran, with Japan taking dirty cargoes. Reports of further attacks on the Iranian oil terminals by Iraq made little impression.

Elsewhere, there was busy dealing in contracts — both clean and dirty — within Europe as well as to the United States.

West African ports were also busier, responding to the recent cut in crude-oil prices by Nigeria, but apart from a burst of activity from Libya, the Mediterranean was relatively inactive.

The Caribbeans were extremely quiet with only a few cargoes remaining unfixed.

India scraps oil deal

NEW DELHI, March 5 (AP) — India has canceled a contract to purchase 1.4 million tons of crude oil from the Exxon Corporation in 1983 because the price was pegged at four to five U.S. dollars a barrel above the current market price, *The Times of India* reported Saturday.

The decision will save India some 500 million rupees (\$50 million) in foreign exchange, the independent paper said.

U.S. action augurs ill for Romania

VIENNA, March 5 (R) — A United States decision to suspend favorable trade terms to Romania in protest over its emigration policy will hit Bucharest in the middle of an export drive to pay off Western debts, economic analysts have said.

But Romanian officials said that any drop in exports to the U.S., Romania's biggest Western trading partner along with West Germany, would be matched by a fall in imports from America.

U.S. State Department officials have said they told Romania earlier this week that its most favored nation (MFN) trade status would be suspended because of a recent Romanian decree making would-be emigrants pay back the cost of their education.

In U.S. law a country that restricts emigration is ineligible for MFN status, under which a benefiting country's imports acquire a lower duty than other nations.

Western economic analysts estimate that Romania could pay higher duties on 50 to 60 percent of its exports, making its goods less competitive, and costing it more than \$200 million this year in lost exports.

In 1981, Romania exported \$56 million of goods to the U.S., but that dropped by about a third last year when Romanian foreign trade slumped because of import cuts.

Romanian officials argue that the new tax, promulgated in a decree last November, is designed to ease the effects of a brain drain to the West, and they have criticized what they see as U.S. interference in Romanian affairs.

The United States has described the payments as ransom money and an infringement

Oil slide termed decade's most bullish event

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP) — The problems of OPEC have provided some fresh fuel for Wall Street's bull market.

As members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries struggled to reach agreement on a unified pricing and production front, the leading stock market averages all reached record highs in the past week.

Investors in increasing numbers seemed to see the prospect of lower oil prices as a significant new force working toward economic recovery.

Raymond F. Devoe Jr., an analyst at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc., said a reduction in the price of oil could be "the most bullish development of the decade."

On Friday, the United Arab Emirates oil minister reported that representatives of eight OPEC nations had reached an "understanding" on prices and production in their efforts to avert a price war. They planned more meetings for the coming week in London on the undisclosed plan, presumably to try to sell the other nations in the 13-member cartel on it.

Five weeks ago, when some oil producers began to announce price cuts, the securities markets reacted with considerable uncertainty and caution. There were widespread fears that a turn in the long-term upward trend of oil prices would create turmoil in

the international banking system.

As Wright Investor's service observed, "many of the world's financial and investment decisions of the past 10 years have been predicted on rising oil prices."

Lately, however, the markets have shown more confidence that any shocks can be absorbed and that the benefits of cheaper energy will be many and widespread.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 20.02 to 1,140.96 in the past week, on top of a 28.12-point gain the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index rose 2.27 to 88.63, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 6.79 at 384.82.

Big Board volume accelerated to a pace of 101.09 million shares a day, against 95.57 million the week before. Many analysts have been busy lately counting the potential blessings of lower oil prices. The first that usually come to mind are lower inflation and more room for economic growth in industrialized countries like the United States.

But there is also the theory that a smaller U.S. oil bill would make the Federal Reserve's job of trying to control monetary growth easier, and thus help promote lower interest rates. In addition, corporate profits would logically benefit from a reduction in

businesses' costs for fuel and petrochemical materials.

Said Wright: "Energy company profits, which accounted for about 20 percent of total corporate profits last year, will continue under pressure but not uniformly so. Integrated oil companies should see higher refining and marketing earnings and, depending on the strength of economic recovery and their ability to maintain refined product prices, higher profits overall."

When OPEC thrust its name into the headlines in the fall of 1973, with price increases and an embargo on sales to the United States, the stock market spent several weeks reacting to the news. The Dow Jones industrials tumbled from 980 in late October of that year to 788 in early December.

It is possible, analysts generally conceded, that the markets could have a positive reaction of similar size and length if oil prices continue to recede. But in a market that has already had a historic rise since last summer, many observers are wary about getting too caught up in the general euphoria.

"We believe when people are most bullish, they are most fully invested," said Phil Roth, a technical analyst at E.F. Hutton and Co.

WB chalks up \$800m gain

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP) — The World Bank, major source of aid to poor countries, will show about \$800 million profit in the year ending June 30, treasurer Eugene H. Rothberg has predicted.

"It would have been closer to \$850 million, but we decided to reduce the fee on new loans to .25 of 1 percent," he said in a telephone interview.

This "front-end fee," originally 1.5 percent of all new loans, was cut to .75 percent in December.

The bank is owned by 144 countries and has its headquarters in Washington. It gets its

funds largely from selling its bonds on world markets. The president, A.W. Clausen, is an American but its personnel is drawn from all member countries.

At the end of 1982, the bank reduced its annual interest rate on new loans to 10.97 percent a year from 11.43 percent. "We expect to reduce it again at the end of June," Rothberg said.

Beneficiaries will be dozens of poor countries to which the bank has been and will be lending at variable rates, fixed every six months. New loans in the year ending June 30 are expected to reach \$11.2 billion. They go to build schools, improve farming, pave roads, dredge harbors and other projects for which private banks do not lend.

During the same period, the bank's borrowings were expected to amount to \$9.8 billion, at an average annual interest rate of 9 percent. But the total cost of its available funds — borrowings, plus its capital, reserves and income — was 7.2 percent.

Rothberg explained that this low cost was due to declining interest rates in the markets where the bank borrows, and to "portfolio management" — in effect, judgments about bond prices and currency exchange rates. He said the bank has over \$12 billion worth of liquid funds, three-quarters of it in the form of dollars on which its earnings have been about 25 percent.

For the last six months of 1982, the bank's net income was \$448 million, compared with 321 million in the last six months of 1981. The projected 800 million for its entire fiscal year compares with 598 million for the preceding 12 months, Rothberg said.

Tin prices zoom to 3-month high

LONDON, March 5 (AP) — The price of tin for three-month delivery surged on the London Metal Exchange Friday to an all-time closing high of 8,837.50 pounds (\$13,344.628) a metric ton.

This was 27.50 pounds (\$41.52) a ton up from Thursday and 616.50 pounds (\$930.91) up from a month ago.

The price of tin for immediate delivery was unchanged from Thursday and closed at 8,817 pounds (\$13,313.67) a metric ton, but up 389.50 pounds (\$588.14) from a month ago.

Cash tin for immediate delivery was below its all-time high of 8,985 pounds (then \$13,274.50) a ton reached in April last year. Last year tin producing countries engaged in heavy support buying and cornered almost the entire world tin surplus.

This year's rise has been attributed to the judicious rollover of futures buying by the International Tin Council's huffer stock managers who are succeeding in keeping an overhang estimated at 70,000 metric tons from reaching the market.

Also, the export restrictions scheme approved six months ago by the ITC and reconfirmed in January, effectively reduced exports by about 32 percent.

Dealers said the weakness of the pound sterling contributed last month to raising London prices more quickly than in New York and Penang.

Tin prices have risen despite the general decline in the price of non-ferrous or basic metals which tend to follow price trends in gold bullion.



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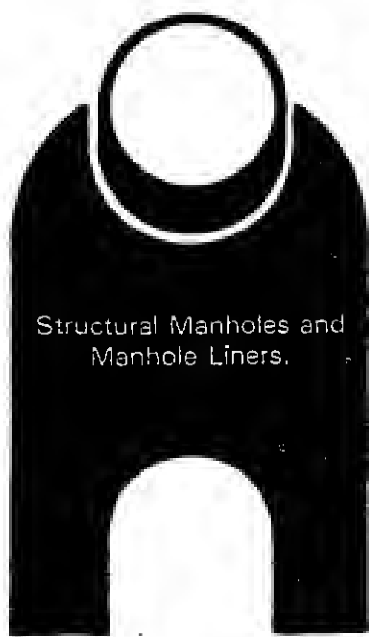
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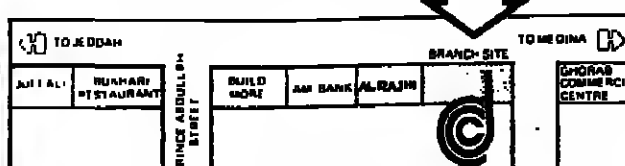


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Moratorium on debts ruled out

Group of 77 wants North-South talks

NEW DELHI, March 5 (AP) — The world's developing countries are determined to press their three-year-old call for a global "North-South" dialogue despite American reluctance, Farooq Sobhan, chairman of the "Group of 77," said Friday.

Sobhan, British-educated Bangladeshi diplomat who is, in effect, the developing countries' joint economic spokesman, dismissed suggestions that these countries could force the rich countries to negotiate by threatening to declare a joint moratorium on their multibillion-dollar debts. Sobhan told a news conference amid preparations for the nonaligned summit meeting Monday that a debt moratorium would be a "short-term solution" that could harm the world's economy as a whole.

He told a questioner that the summit's economic committee "will discuss the need for collective action and responses to the whole debt question," but would be unlikely to consider a debt moratorium because this could not solve the world's long-term economic crisis. "We must find a collective way out that is as much in the interest of the North as of the South," he said.

He disclosed that Bangladesh leader Muhammad Hussain Ershad had received a letter from U.S. President Ronald Reagan on the eve of the nonaligned summit, outlining a new American position on the stalled North-South dialogue.

Sobhan declined to discuss details of

Reagan's letter, but he said he was "encouraged" by recent comments on the North-South dialogue made by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. In his report to the nonaligned economic committee, however, Sobhan implicitly blamed the United States for the deadlock. Speaking in the name of the "Group of 77" developing countries in the United Nations — which has grown to 126 countries since it was first formed — Sobhan deplored the industrialized world's "total lack of responsiveness" to three years of efforts to launch a global North-South economic dialogue.

"I have to report with a sense of profound regret and disappointment that all these

World Trade Center sale planned

NEW YORK, March 5 (R) — The owners of New York's World Trade Center are discussing selling the 110-story twin towers, the tallest buildings in the city, and four other buildings that make up the complex.

A spokesman for New York Governor Mario Cuomo, disclosing the talks, said an announcement would be made on the fate of the center probably Sunday.

A director of the port authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the buildings, refused to say where the discussions stood. But he said that if the state governors decided to sell the complex, "we would

efforts ... proved unsuccessful," Sobhan said. "The responsibility for this failure to launch the global negotiations is primarily due to the refusal of a few industrialized countries — and one major industrial country in particular — to acknowledge the economic and political imperative of global negotiations."

Sobhan did not name any of the countries concerned, but his allusion to the United States was unmistakable. He said an "overwhelming majority" of the industrialized countries did not share the views of those few which he claimed obstructed the North-South dialogue, yet such a dialogue would be meaningless if the countries with the most powerful economies chose to ignore it.

explore it strongly."

He said a study conducted in 1981 had estimated the value of the buildings at \$2 billion, which would make any sale the biggest real estate deal in history. They were constructed between 1966 and 1971 at a cost of \$1.1 billion. Their sale has been proposed from time to time by governors eager to increase tax revenues by having the buildings in private hands.

The most serious attempt came in 1978, when Deutsche Bank, West Germany's biggest, expressed interest in buying the buildings. The following year, the Prudential Insurance Company put in a bid.

Oil expert cautions against price cut

KUWAIT, March 5 (AP) — A leading oil expert was quoted Saturday as warning the Arab producers along the Gulf region against reducing their prices below the benchmark of \$34 a barrel.

Former Oil Minister Abdul Mutaleh Kazemi of Kuwait told the radical newspaper *Al-Wakeel* that "a price reduction would be a dangerous precedent with enormous consequences on the future of the peoples of the (Gulf) region." He rejected statements attributed to Arab oil officials about the necessity of reducing oil prices as a means of defending national interests.

"There are no logical reasons to justify the price reduction," said Kazemi, who managed Kuwait's oil affairs in the 1974-79 period. "In fact, the \$34 floor price is \$20 below what it should be. Our oil is under-priced." He contended that the benchmark price "would have gone up considerably if it were not for the policies of freezing prices and flooding the markets with surplus quantities of crude oil."

Kazemi insisted that the Gulf states "can afford to reduce their production rates and not be badly affected ... because they can easily offset any drop in revenues." He pointed out that the Gulf countries possess "vast surplus funds and revenues from investments" and were not relying on their income from oil sales solely.

Kazemi said the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman — "can defend the market price in the long run." The GCC countries, he said, account for about 50 percent of the aggregate production of OPEC, which he put at 17 million barrels a day.

He claimed that the current trend to reduce oil prices was the "product of Western pressures on OPEC." "The pressure has been on since 1973, with psychological warfare and direct economic pressures," he said. "It is probably an attempt to give (U.S. President) Reagan a facelift in an election year, to show electors how he was able to bring oil prices down."

MULHOUSE, East France (AFP) — French frontier police have been busy seizing French francs and gold being smuggled into Switzerland ahead of the first round of French municipal elections Monday.

DAR ES SALAAM (AFP) — A Japanese firm will triple the number of phones in Tanzania's Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar and introduce computerized dialing there

Gulf Oil selling units to Kuwait

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, March 5 (AP) — Gulf Oil Corp., seeking to reduce its European operations, Friday agreed to sell its refining and marketing operations in Sweden and Denmark to the Kuwait Petroleum Corp., the sixth-largest U.S. oil company said.

The agreement, terms of which were not disclosed, calls for Kuwait Petroleum to buy 825 service stations in the two countries and an 85,000-barrel-a-day refinery at Gullfavn, Denmark.

The deal also includes about 6 million barrels of crude oil and product inventory, two lubrication oil blending plants, eight terminals in Denmark and half interest in about 30 terminals in Sweden, Gulf said. The transactions depend on government approvals, Gulf said.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, chairman of Kuwait Petroleum, said the Gulf operations were purchased "as a going concern" and would add to his firm's Feb. 28 purchase of Gulf's refining and marketing operations in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. "This transaction brings both Gulf and KPC closer to their respective objectives," said James E. Lee, Gulf chairman and chief executive officer.

Gold price collapse triggers panic selling

LONDON, March 5 (AFP) — The collapse in the price of gold this week prompted panic selling in most commodity markets, before some recovery was made owing to sterling's continuing weakness on the foreign exchange.

Fears of an oil price war were still uppermost in dealers' minds as news leaked that the oil producers were to hold a secret "mini-OPEC" meeting in London.

In the meantime, the whole undertone remained unsettled as details from the oil producers' conference was awaited. But "cheap" buying developed, helped by the strength on Wall Street and higher U.S. economic indicators which now point to a

recovery from the recession. Tin was a firm exception, with forward prices reaching new peak levels in sterling terms, while nickel advanced to eleven-month highs.

Gold: Uncertain. The massive \$50 an ounce fall Monday, the third biggest in a history of the market, followed Middle East selling and fears that the Soviet Union may join in. One view was that oil producers may be forced to sell precious metals in order to bolster their foreign exchange income, as oil prices go lower.

Copper: Nervous. Sharp falls developed in early active trading despite the declaration of force majeure on cathode shipments by Peru. Market stocks rose, yet again, up 758 tons to 296,850 tons, the highest since February 1979. The rally was slow and uncertain.

Tin: Very steady. The overt determination of the buffer stock managed to carry on supporting the market, helped to push prices gradually higher throughout the week.

Zinc: Irregular. Early losses were subsequently regained. There was a slow recovery throughout the week in quiet trading and away from the mainstream of business.

Financial Roundup

Dollar retreats against mark

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 5 — The American dollar closed on a mixed note on the Friday New York exchanges with some retreats registered against the German mark and the Swiss franc. The mark was stronger at 2.3950 levels Friday compared with 2.4190 Thursday and the boost in rates was a combination of profit-taking and some heavy buying prior to the German election Sunday, with the conservatives expected to be the winners.

In New York the release of the latest U.S. money supply figures which showed a \$3.6 billion rise in the weekly M1 series hardly affected the Eurodollar markets and dollar deposit rates remained stable. The three-month deposit was quoted around the 8 3/4 - 8 7/8 percent while the one year rates bordered on the 9 3/4 percent range. Activity was small with dealers waiting to see if next week would bring about the much-awaited cut in the U.S. discount rate. "Fed fund" prime lending rates opened at the 8 1/4 to 8 1/2 level with the "Fed" doing little to bring down the rates.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices eased back on profit-taking to take sold down by about \$15 to \$416 an ounce and silver to 10.83 from 10.95 levels. Trading was erratic and volatile with bullion dealers fearing that Monday would bring about some further selling pressure which started in the Far Eastern markets. The present uncertainty over OPEC oil price decisions had badly affected the bullion markets with some fearing that an agreement could put further pressure on bullion prices.

The same OPEC oil uncertainties also affected the exchange markets with the British pound trading lower at 1.5090 levels from 1.5160 earlier in London and the French franc down to 6.7980 prices. The German mark was stronger on conservative victory prospects in the German national elections and traded around the 2.3950 from 2.4190 levels. The Swiss franc rose to 2.0280 levels while the Japanese yen rose to 235.10 levels.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates were easier at around 1/4 percent levels on opening but gradually firmed back up by close of business to take the one week rate to 6 3/4 - 7 1/4 percent and the one month JIBOR to 7 1/4 - 7 3/4 percent levels. The one-year rate was slightly easier, however, due to lack of activity in that tenor and it traded around 8 3/4 - 8 1/2 percent levels. Spot rial / dollar exchange rates operated around 3.4400-05 in dull trading.

Weekly commodities

Stocks rose by 200 tons to 91,300 tons. Silver: Weak. The market suffered its sharpest one-day fall since the debacle early in 1980, allowing the decline in New York and Middle East selling.

Aluminum: Volatile. Early trading was active with sharp swings in prices. But a slightly softer trend developed ahead of the week end as sterling recovered against the dollar.

Ghana gets oil survey report

ABIDJAN, March 5 (R) — The government of Ghana has received a \$7.4-million survey of its oil potential, Accra radio reported Saturday.

It quoted a spokesman for the Energy Ministry as saying that the survey, carried out by Geophysical Surveys International, would give a clear idea of Ghana's onshore and offshore resources. He said 16 companies from France, the United States, Britain, Canada and Brazil had applied for exploration permits and more were expected with the completion of the survey.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Saturday

Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.22
Bangladesh Taka	14.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00
Canadian Dollar	2.82
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	144.20
Egyptian Pound	129.00
Emirates Dirham (100)	3.15
French Franc (100)	93.75
Greek Drachma (1,000)	51.50
Indian Rupee (100)	38.90
Iranian Rial (100)	41.30
Iraqi Dinar	34.62
Italian Lira (10,000)	5.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	25.00
Jordanian Dinar	15.30
Kuwaiti Dinar	9.73
Lebanese Lira (100)	11.82
Moroccan Dirham (100)	85.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	53.00
Philippines Peso (100)	28.10
Pound Sterling	36.43
Qatari Riyal (100)	5.25
Singapore Dollar (100)	95.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	94.70
Swiss Franc (100)	166.70
Syrian Lira (100)	26.70
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"	Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khams Mushait & Dhahran Al-Janoub	19/M/N	200	Apr. 10
"	Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail	20/M/N	500	Apr. 11
"	Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail	21/M/N	500	Apr. 12

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3.	Safina-e-Arah	S.C.S.A.	Pax/Cars	1.3.83
4.	Brazilian Express	Albeld	Steel/General	1.3.83
5.	Maldiva Prize	O'Trade	Sorghum/Maize	3.3.83
7.	Kota Dewa	O.C.E.	Ganaral/Canned F.	2.3.83
8.	Aquamarine	O.C.E.	Bag Food/Barley	2.3.83
9.	El Hawi	El Hawi	Ganaral/Cargo	2.3.83
10.	Krit Coral	Kanoo	Containers/Steel	3.3.83
11.	Good Herald 1	A.E.T.	Bagged Feed/Gen.	2.3.83
12.	Wahed	Abdullah	Containers/Gen.	3.3.83
14N	Keifu Maru	O.C.E.	Apples/Pears	3.3.83
14S	Reefers Giulia	O.C.E.	Lemons/Apples	4.4.83
15.	Tunisian Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Lamb	28.2.83
18.	Prometheus	Raleco	Bulk Cement	27.1.83
19.	Sagr Yanbu	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	1.3.83
20.	Barbar Perseus	Barber	Pipes/Gen.	5.3.83
21.	Saudi Jamal	M.E.S.A.	Gen./Poles	28.2.83
22.	Destiny	Kanoo	Steel/Cons. Mat.	4.3.83
25.	Futami Maru	Alfiza	Steel Pipe	4.3.83
27.	Kota Wangi	O.C.E.	Bagged Food/Gen.	2.3.83
28.	Mavro Vetranc	O'Trade	Sorghum/Maize	4.3.83
32.	Africa Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	28.2.83
35.	Bdanskil	Attar	Cont/Gen.	4.3.83
40.	Maldiva Jade	O'Trade	Rice/General	27.2.83
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2.	Wakamizu Maru	Alfiza	Gen Cargo	4.3.83
3.	Saudi Eagle	Orr	Gen Cargo	4.3.83
5.	Malji Maru	Gulf	Pipe	1.3.83
6.	Juffar	Kanoo	General	4.3.83
17.	Milly Gregos	Barber	General	2.3.83
19.	Saudi Jeddah	Orr	General	3.3.83
23.	Kuwait Express	Gosalti	Cont/Mobil	4.3.83
24.	Jakarta	Orr	Containers	5.3.83
28.	Maldiva Naibour	Orr	Timber/Gen.	3.3.83
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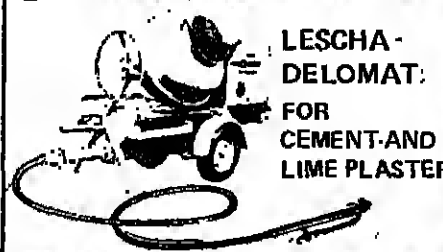
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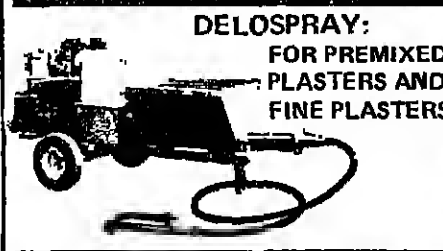
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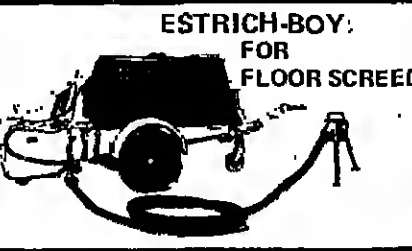
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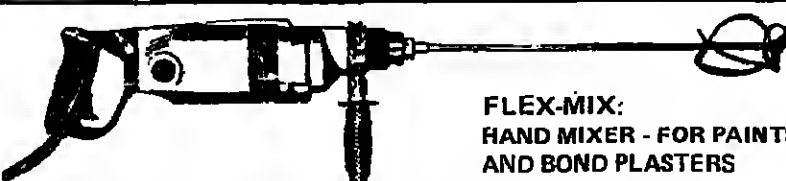
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Western women in Saudi Arabia

An unhurried, tranquil life away from West's fast-paced madness

(Editor's note: Carol Schappagh recently returned to Houston, Texas, after spending two years in Riyadh. In this first-hand account, she reminisces about the differences in lifestyles between the West and Saudi Arabia, and the sense of relaxation people from fast-paced existence of the West feel in the latter.)

By Carol Schappagh

"Well, I'll bet you're glad to be back home. How does it feel?" Quite truthfully, it feels rather strange. After living for the past two years in Saudi Arabia, I find returning to the United States a bit of a shock. Culture shock, they say. Am I glad to be back? Of course it is good to see my family after an extended absence. I miss Saudi Arabia, however. We lived a peaceful and tranquil life there, a relaxing break from the fast-paced existence of the Western world.

I went to Riyadh in 1980 with my husband Ron and then 11-year-old twins, Jocelyn and Hunter. Ron, an architect with a Houston-based firm, went to Riyadh to manage the company's office there. I hoped to find a job myself although I knew that women could only work in hospitals, schools and women's specialty shops.

Once settled in our villa and the children enrolled in school, I began looking for a job. Owing to the absence of employment agencies and job advertisements in the newspapers, I had to rely on the "grapevine" to find out about available positions. Luck was

very comfortable outfit in such a hot climate. Pants of any kind were inappropriate.

We occasionally heard tales of women in shorter dresses being bothered by the police in the old market places. But then there were so many variations of these stories from every part of the Kingdom. So I tend to believe they were exaggerations. The *Mawwah*, as they are called, are generally elderly, bearded gentlemen who stroll through the shopping areas to make sure that shopkeepers close at the appointed time so that the Muslims could perform prayers.

Prayer times for each day were printed in the newspapers. This was quite a help when planning a trip to the grocery store. However, if you happened to miss the paper you would not hear the call to prayer being broadcast from the minarets of the hundreds of mosques around the city. Arriving at a store during prayer time meant a 15 to 30 minute wait in the parking lot. The stores simply close and if you were inside at that time, you were hurried out so the employees could pray.

Women do not drive. This was probably the major inconvenience, but it also meant not having to chauffeur the children to and from their activities. Most companies employed drivers who took the children to school and the wives shopping. Larger companies provided shopping buses at designated times. Because traffic, as with most big cities anywhere, was something to be reckoned with, it was as well that women

after which they resume work until about eight in the evening. Most Western companies however, maintain the regular nine to five schedule. The difficulties are evident. So, what do you do when you need a decision or have a deadline to meet? You adjust, make allowances and learn a new system.

These inconveniences are certainly balanced by the things the Kingdom has to offer the expatriate. Our children attended Riyadh International Community School which is run on the American system. They were most happy there and the inconveniences for them were minimal. They had sports, music and all the regular social activities. The academic standards were high and they seemed to have no trouble adjusting to school upon their return. Their friends in Saudi were from England, Canada, Germany and Australia as well as the United States. It was interesting to watch how they blended with and complemented one another, all having different backgrounds. I think that if my children had one wish it would be to return to Riyadh.

Leisure activities for many included camping in the desert. I recall a group of friends having spent the last week of December in the desert and cooked turkeys in charcoal pits. They felt it an appropriate setting for such a holiday.

The majesty of the sunset over the edge of the escarpment rivals any in the world. Sitting on the plateau, you can see for miles over areas where camel caravans once



with me when I met a physician, at a dinner party, who told me of a possible opening at the specialist hospital where he worked. Armed with my medical publishing background, I landed a position as editor of a yet-to-be published medical journal. Having an interesting job and working in a modern facility made my stay more enjoyable, but I knew many wives not working outside the home who found life in the Kingdom equally exciting.

Life was different, granted, and there were many restrictions placed on women. The same restrictions applied to both Saudi and expatriate women and stemmed from the traditions of the Islamic faith. Most of the rules and regulations were aimed at preserving modesty and privacy. We were required to dress modestly, covering legs, arms and hair. We were never asked to cover our faces. Covering the arms and legs simply meant wearing a long, loose dress with at least three-quarter length sleeves, a

did not add to or suffer from driving hazards.

We had to bring our drinking water in from nearby "healthy water" plants. The irony of this simple operation struck me as soon as I arrived. We took our five-gallon water containers into a drive-through establishment resembling an American gas station. The attendant took a gasoline hose from its place on the wall and pumped our water. We paid very little because the cost was subsidized by the government. I understand that desalination is quite an expensive operation, but the cost was not passed on to the consumer. As you can imagine, water in the desert is as precious as gasoline in the United States.

I quickly learned that conducting business in Saudi Arabia is not the same as it is in the States. Most shops and all government agencies close from noon until about four o'clock in the afternoon. This allows employees to rest during the heat of the day

brought goods from the trading port in Jeddah to Riyadh. In fact, camels often wandered by our campsites. On one outing we were playing a game of football when a small herd of camels strolled up and stopped to watch for awhile. Apparently unimpressed by our athletic ability, they turned and ambled away into the desert.

The mountains in the western part of the Kingdom offer relief from the heat of the summer and many foreigners vacation in Taif. Once the weather cooled a bit, Jeddah became a favorite vacation spot for beach camping and skin diving in the Red Sea.

Saudi Arabia is not the United States, and it is unfair to try and compare the two. The Saudi society is not like ours; the emphasis is different. Saudi women are not angry and unhappy with their lifestyle. It was a pleasure to live an unhurried life in a relaxed and relatively crime-free country. I hope it will be able to maintain its charm in spite of Western influence and technology.

Sabah has rich wildlife

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) Kota Kinabalu airport is a most unpretentious one, hardly promising the diversity and complexity of the land beyond. It is typical of the many provincial airports I have landed upon during years of journalism in pursuit of the profound and the mundane and even, at most times, nothing at all.

But Sabah — the capital of which is Kota Kinabalu — is a land which promises to a journalist many good stories. This time, I was there to look into the diversity which nature offers, the wildlife of Sabah.

It is a place which Agnes Keith calls in her pre-World War II autobiographical sketch, "land below the wind." The land upon which the wind blows is below Mount Kinabalu, at 4,050 meters the highest peak in Southeast Asia. Sabah itself is the Malaysian state which occupies the northernmost part of the island of Borneo, one of the largest islands in the world.

As a general rule, the larger an area, the more wildlife it contains, but Sabah's diversity goes beyond its geographical area and even back to its prehistoric roots. For instance, changes in sea-level during the ice ages caused Borneo to be connected to and then disconnected from the Asian mainland several times. The complexity of the forests also permits many animals to coexist in the same area.

Thus, the pangolin specializes only in termites and ants as food. The pygmy squirrel specializes on feeding from tree trunks and not tree crowns. Some species are active in the day, others at night, and some both day and night.

There are 363 species of birds in Sabah, plus another 86 species which migrate to Sabah from the north during winter plus another 68 species observed around its coasts. There are at least 167 species of mammals in Sabah which has Asia's largest ape, the orangutan, and largest land animal, the elephant, as well as one of the world's most endangered mammals, the Sumatran rhinoceros. Other exceptional species include the world's largest ground squirrel and smallest tree squirrel, the world's largest bat and the largest member of the order Insectivora.

Sabah is experiencing fast and widespread development, and what is true now will not be so in 1990. For instance, the large mammals and birds are adapting now to the logged forests of the eastern lowlands, most of which will be permanently cultivated in the near future. While until the mid-1970s almost all of the state's export timber came from eastern Sabah, now the southwest is being opened up. Last year, a direct road linked Tawau in the southeast with Sapulut in the southwest, allowing access to the most interior part of Sabah for the first time.

The value of Sabah's wildlife goes beyond the aesthetic and the morality of conserving nature. Man is ultimately affected himself. Over 40 species of forest trees there, for instance, produce edible fruits. Proposals to develop an orchid industry depend on the collection and propagation of plants from the wild, without which new marketable hybrids cannot be developed. There are also two animals being considered for domestication: the payau or sambar deer and the tembudo or hanteng cattle. Both are adapted to local climate and could put on weight and breed readily, besides being probably less susceptible to local diseases than domestic animals.

In my journalistic crisscross across the wide expanse of Asia, Sabah has always been a promise land. It remains one, and more so.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

Why say it twice? A California reader is peeved when he hears the Sierra Nevada called the Sierras. A *sierra* is an irregular range of mountains (from a Spanish word meaning *saw*). It's a common noun that doesn't refer to a specific mountain or range.

Another frequent error is saying "the Sierra Nevada Mountains." That's saying "mountain" twice. The experts call it a redundancy.

With a keen eye, you'll notice quite a few geographical redundancies, many concerning rivers — Rio Grande River (*rio means river in Spanish*); Schuylkill River in Philadelphia (*kill is Dutch for river or stream*); Yangtze Kiang River (*kiang means river in Chinese*); Mount Fujiyama (*yama means mountain in Japanese*); Sahara Desert (*sahra is Arabic for desert*).

Zeros by the dozen: What's a billion more or less between friends? Nowadays when the economists speak glibly about billions and even trillions, one wonders if they really know whereof they speak. Can the human brain encompass a billion dollars?

We bring up the subject because if your thinking is international — and whose isn't these days? — you hearer be careful. Believe it or not, a billion in Great Britain is

a thousand times as great as a billion in the United States. In other words, it's a trillion here. Seems fantastic, but that's the way it is.

A billion dollars here looks like this: \$1,000,000,000. But in Britain, a billion dollars is \$1,000,000,000,000 (yes, twelve zeros). We call that a trillion dollars. The rest of the table of differences gets dizzier yet, so we won't go into it. Just watch out. Simpler in Chinese. A.T., a Chinese-American gal, asks a number of interesting questions. Some of them are not of general interest to most of our readers. But she poses this:

"Would you please enlighten me on what word to use when referring to the third person singular who could be either a he or a she." The best answer I know is to use both words just as she does — "he or she."

It's awkward, but in this age of women's lib, what can you do if you're afraid of stepping on toes? Once, you followed the old classical rule that the word he could be assumed to refer to both sexes. Too bad we have to be so careful nowadays.

She also brings up the question of when it's best to use plurals vs. singulars. "In Chinese," she says, "we do not have to worry about number. That is why I have trouble in English grammar."

Did you know that? I didn't.

Bangkok trying hard to solve the 'refugee residue' problem

By John Laird

BANGKOK (AP) — They have been called the "refugee residue." Of the half million Indochinese who have fled to Thailand, 160,000 Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese wait behind barbed wire enclosures, hoping that Western countries will reconsider their rejected pleas for resettlement.

Many of them have spent two, three or more years in the United Nations-assisted refugee camps here with no other future in sight.

In early February, a Vietnamese attack on Cambodian guerrilla bases inside Cambodia and a large civilian encampment straddling the border forced another 20,000 into Thailand. The action brought into sharp relief the vulnerability of 200,000 Cambodian civilians camped on the border.

Case histories compiled here by the United States refugee office document the plight of those who have been rejected for resettlement:

— Chanty Thippavong, 35, worked as a clerk for the Ministry of Justice in Vientiane, Laos, for six years before the Communists came to power in 1975. After that he worked as a communal farmer with his family for three years before officials came to arrest him in 1978.

He said he was sent to "seminar" in two detention camps in the northern highland province of Xieng Khouang. He escaped to Thailand after two years and four months there.

After two years in Thailand, Chanty last December was denied resettlement in the United States because he did not meet the definition of refugee.

— Luu Van Rang, now 24, and his family were sent to one of Vietnam's new economic zones in 1975 because his brother was a sergeant in the defeated Saigon army.

One day, he struck and knocked unconscious an official who he said was physically abusing his mother and sister. Rang, then 16, got six months in jail, followed by three years in a "re-education" camp. He was drafted into Vietnam's army and sent to Cambodia in

August 1980. Four months later he deserted and escaped to Thailand.

— Soeun Chhoeun, 39, was a Cambodian housewife whose husband was executed by the Khmer Rouge regime in 1977 for being a military officer in Cambodia's former U.S.-backed Lon Nol regime. She and surviving members of her family were forced to work hard because of the military connection.

She feared being sent for "re-education" and being separated from her son. The two fled to Thailand and have been in a refugee camp for three years, four months.

Soeun Chhoeun was denied U.S. resettlement for not meeting the definition of a refugee, and like the other cases has been passed over by other recipient countries.

United Nations guidelines define a refugee as a person holding a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

The United States, the major recipient of Indochinese refugees, last year took 19,188 from Thailand, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

France accepted 7,994 in 1982, the second largest number of refugees. Its criteria for acceptance have included family ties and such links to France as previous service in the French Army or work for the French government.

Australia took the third greatest number last year, 3,326, allowing reunions of families or specifying that refugees must have well-founded fears of persecution.

Canada accepted 2,109, requiring refugees to have previous links to Canada, family ties or private sponsorship.

France has agreed to take 5,000 refugees it had previously said it was only "considering" accepting. Australia has said it will consider taking another 600. The UNHCR representative here, Jacques Terlin, believes the refugee influx will eventually decline. One sign of this was the arrival of only 1,343 Vietnamese "boat people" in East and Southeast Asia in January, the lowest figure in several years.

Book review

Faulty diagnosis, wrong prescription

By Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan

Doctors are supposed to treat their patients and respect their confidence. That time-honored obligation however, has been cast aside by an American doctor who produced a book detailing his "adventures" in Saudi Arabia.

The book has a tantalizing title — *Beyond the Veil: The adventures of an American doctor in Saudi Arabia*. It is already being syndicated to its clients around the world by the *New York Times* news service. It is a matter of time before it hits the best seller list in North America. It is likely to be discussed and read widely in this continent and Europe. The book by Seymour Gray (published by Harper and Row) is bound to be a hit.

Dr. Gray, of Rochester, New York, went to Saudi Arabia in 1975 on a two-year assignment to manage a hospital in Riyadh. He had a successful enough life in Boston, but the doctor likes adventure and challenges. He found both on his assignment — and more.

In Riyadh, because of his profession, he claims to have discovered a Saudi Arabia that few people ever get to know. His patients were high and low, but mostly very important people, including members of the royal family. They were of all ages and both sexes.

Dr. Gray treated them and also developed friendships with many of them. He had long chats with them and tried to understand them. In this book, he reveals them all, though "with the exception of certain prominent figures the names have been changed and individual traits and locales have been altered."

He claims it is a true story. That may or may not be entirely true. One of the reasons creating doubts in the minds of discriminating readers is that the book suffers from glaring errors when it presents Islam. The way Islam spread, the choice of the first Caliph, the position of women in Islam, the description of heaven and hell, to cite some examples, are all wrong.

But Dr. Gray presents them with the authority of a scholar.

The other reason why one tends to doubt some parts of his narration is that it would seem most unlikely, given the Saudi people's reserve, that Dr. Gray would win so much confidence of so many prominent Saudis, including princes and princesses, and foreigners that they would open their hearts to him and pour out their life story to him.

Much of the presentation probably is correct on the whole, when it comes to Dr. Gray's experiences. But his narration of

what his patients told him is a different story.

Dr. Gray seems preoccupied with the position of women and of sex. These would help sell the book better. He even compares Saudi and American societies, giving the Saudis high marks for the absence of tension and of stress in their lives and so on. He laments, however, that they have no Shakespeare, no Mozart or Beethoven and no freedom. He sees the West as in the forefront of knowledge and the Middle East as lagging behind.

That the Muslim world has had and has its own distinguished poets, writers, thinkers, musicians and artists escapes him. He also ignores the contribution of Muslims to learning in the past. To him Islam is reduced to certain rituals. Those who perform those rituals believe they will go to heaven and enjoy all kinds of pleasures there. Those who disregard the rituals will end up in hell, having to draw their water from deep wells and live in an arid, hot climate. It is from this narrow view of Islam, Dr. Gray sees a civilization and a people.

The result is a book that does justice neither to the country that was host to Dr. Gray, nor to his scholarship nor indeed to the profession of medicine. Dr. Gray must be a good doctor. But his judgment as a writer and as a human being suffers from serious flaws.

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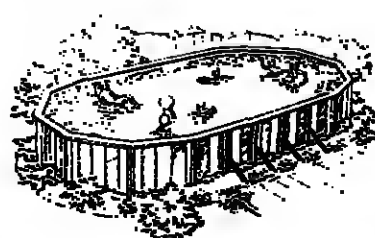
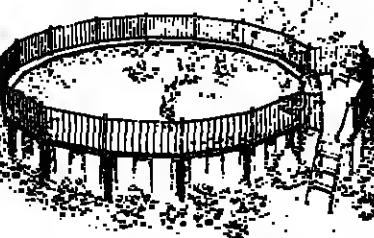
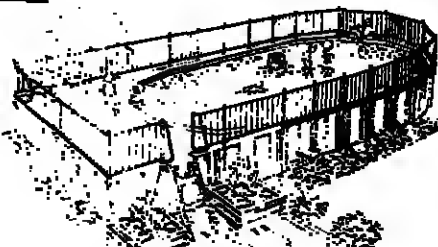
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India searches for economical ways to extract uranium from sea water

By Prakash Chandra

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — Uranium can be extracted from sea water but the problem is to find the most economic process or facility. Finding such a process is a preoccupation of the Indian scientific community today. The search is at its initial stages.

Optimistic that an economical process will be found is K. Narayan Rao, of the Bhabha Atomic Research Center. He says that a low-cost facility may become reality before end of the present century.

Rao cites both positive and negative factors behind this optimism. For India, it is vital to draw its needed supply of uranium from sea water since its ores are of poor quality, giving only about 0.05 percent of uranium per ton, he explains.

He also points to India's nuclear reactor at Tarapur. It cannot forever depend on foreign sources for its uranium fuel. He adds that when the world goes fully nuclear in the years of the next century, nations with abundant uranium supply will have an edge both economically and politically.

The center projects that by the year 2020, the increasing number of nuclear power stations in the world will need something like nine million tons of uranium to keep them going. It will be a buyers' market.

Studies conducted have proven that there are trace elements of uranium in sea water.

Calculations show that there are about three to three-and-a-half parts of it per billion parts of water. Even if one can recover only 40 percent, the effort will still be economically viable, according to Rao. He estimates that nearly nine million tons of trace uranium are carried to the world's seas by feeder rivers. The quantity can fuel nearly 50 nuclear reactors.

Researchers have found three possible methods of recovering uranium from sea water. One is pre-concentration, another co-precipitation and the third, absorption. The first two will involve huge costs while the third possibility may contain the desired economical process, according to Rao.

The high costs are illustrated by the fact that to extract just three grams of uranium from sea water, three million tons of water will have to be processed. Rao says that finding the low-cost process does not end the search. The next question to be tackled is where to locate such a facility — at the seashore or near the tidal flow in the open sea or far out to sea.

The tidal location is favored by Rao, who explains that the advantage lies in the mixed water being pushed out by tides and thus no energy use is required. In the case of the seashore location, the problem of muddy water with suspended particles is an added task.

Another latest development in the Indian

scientific community is the lamentation of the experts over the government's alleged indifference to the worsening pollution threat to the India Ocean. Papers read at the Indian Science Congress held at Tirupati in South India contend that the time to prevent further deterioration of the marine environment is now.

One paper warned that there is at present no effective monitoring system to determine level of pollution in the India Ocean. Sources of the pollution were identified by the scientists as oil tankers, offshore drilling operations, disposal of sewage sludge and growing emission of carbon dioxide.

The experts urged the government to give top priority to improvement of coastal navigation systems and the introduction of strict regulations for marine traffic. They said obsolete oil tankers should be banned from the ocean routes and only those equipped with anti-pollution devices be permitted.

Massive oil pollution of India's coastal waters is a daily danger, according to the experts. The scientists warned that the marine resources' depletion due to pollution will have serious economic implications for India.

A previous study showed that pollution of the India Ocean is caused by domestic sewage, industrial effluents, radioactive, thermal, and agricultural wastes, oil spills and siltation.

Diet precautions may not prevent traveler ailment

CHICAGO, Illinois (AP) — Travelers who take dietary precautions to avoid diarrhea may be more likely to suffer the malady than those who eat and drink whatever they like, a Swiss medical study has suggested.

"Diarrhea seemed to occur more frequently the more a person tried to elude it," the researchers reported in the latest issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. But an American specialist disputed the findings, saying international tourists should be careful about what they consume in foreign countries.

The Swiss team, however, stopped short of recommending that traditional travelers' dietary precautions be dropped. It instead recommended that more research be done.

More than one-third of 10,555 European travelers to the tropics between December 1975 and March 1977 suffered diarrhea during their trips, according to the researchers, who collected data from passengers returning by air.

Travelers who said they avoided only tap water suffered about the average rate of diarrhea, while the group which took the greatest number of dietary precautions had a slightly above-average rate, said the researchers.

Dr. Herbert L. Dupont of the University of Texas Health Center, who wrote an editorial in the *Journal* questioning the conclusions of the study, said in a telephone interview: "We shouldn't focus on the assumption that you can't do anything about the problem by avoiding certain foods. I disagree with it. I don't believe it."

"The danger is in telling people not to worry about what they eat," Dupont said, noting that the study's data relied on the recall of passengers, which may have distorted figures.

About 50 percent of travelers' diarrhea is blamed on bacteria called *escherichia coli*, and the rest on a wide variety of other bacteria types, Dupont said.

Foods generally considered "safe" for travelers in foreign countries are steaming hot dishes, fruit that requires peeling, bread or tortilla, carbonated beverages and heavily sugared products, Dupont said.

"Dangerous" foods are any that are allowed to sit out at room temperature, such as luncheon meats and hot sauces, he said. Tap water is usually considered dangerous but generally poses less threat than food, he said.

Though preventive medicines were found in the study to be only marginally successful in helping travelers ward off diarrhea, Dupont again disagreed.

Antibiotics are "very effective," he said. "The only reason we don't recommend them for everybody is that there are side effects with antibiotics — they're really 100 percent effective for those who can take them."

Another Look

The battle of the century

By Robert Yaakum

Let it be recorded for posterity that in the first months of 1983 some of the best minds and most illustrious names in New York City were caught up in a great debate over whether the Century Club, one of the nation's most prestigious, should admit women as members.

"Of what conceivable consequence is such a dispute to me?" you may ask. Of great consequence, as we shall see.

If women are refused admission, according to those who favor female membership, it will be a sign to the rest of the free world that the spirit of sex discrimination still exists in the highest places. It will put a stamp of approval on male clubs where — and I quote from a female editorial writer on *The New York Times* — "doors are opened, deals are made, contacts established, and friends and relatives given a boost."

If women are admitted, according to those who oppose their membership, it will be a sign that the last vestiges of such little privacy as remain in the modern world will have disappeared. And to quote one member's letter, "A club like the Century should surely be unaffected by fashionable whims — such as those directed toward eliminating all the delightful differences of the sexes."

Even an Albanian goatherd could see that there are deep passions and large principles involved here. Will you, women readers, forever be regarded as so inferior, or simply so different, that you cannot enjoy the many privileges that go with male bonding? Will you, male readers, be deprived of a fundamental freedom, which is to associate with whomever you damn please?

It's sobering to realize that some of the nation's best male and female brains are involved in this struggle — brains that are needed to resolve urgent problems all around us. But there is little prospect of staying the struggle. If so much heat has been generated in public print, as a matter of fact, imagine the temperature at the hearth-sides of some couples whose names would be known to you all!

Take, for example, the Frederick R. Fins-teds. Dinner is nearly over when she asks whether he saw today's letter to the editor

saying that a vast majority of the Century Club's members were against having women members.

He replies that he did see the letter, and could he please have some more of that delicious dessert?

She asks whether he considers himself part of that vast majority. His name was not among those who signed a statement calling for the admission of women.

The issue is very complicated, he replies. What sort of topping did she put on that spongy stuff?

There is nothing very complicated, she says, about the assertion that the Century Club is a place where doors are opened, deals are made, and contacts established. Is that, or is that not, true?

There are stern rules against that sort of thing, he answers. Anyone caught making a deal in the club would be severely reprimanded.

Would they make the miscreant go without dessert for a week? she asks sneeringly. Have editors of newspapers and magazines never obtained information that was helpful to them? Have politicians never made influential friendships or gained the support of rich and powerful members? Have lawyers never acquired a client, or information that would benefit a client?

Speaking of dessert, he says, may I have a second helping? And by the way, there was this joke I heard about —

And is it not true, she asks, that some companies pay club dues, and for many lunches eaten there, and that they take tax deductions for these things as business expenses? And isn't this company one such?

Yes, he replies, looking at his watch.

So something must go on at the club, she suggests, that the company considers financially worthwhile? Something, also, that the government is willing to subsidize with tax deductions? Something that she, as a lawyer, could also profit from and deduct?

Apparently, he says, examining his plate. So, she continues, will he therefore propose that club rules be changed to force every member to pay his own dues? And to forbid any member from taking tax deductions on those dues or on any lunches?

Will she, he asks, settle for his signing that statement approving female membership? Yes, she says. For now. And here is some more dessert. The topping is tangerine sauce.

NEW WAYS TO CONTROL ANGINA



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I admit I'm old-fashioned — especially when it comes to giving up on old ways of treatment and taking the newer drugs. I'm 52 and have had angina pectoris for at least a half-dozen years. During that time, I have tried to follow my doctor's orders. I cut down on my fats, reduced my weight (I'm still 25 pounds overweight), and gave up smoking. My cholesterol and triglycerides are now within normal range and my blood pressure is respectable. I don't have to take high blood pressure pills. Nevertheless, I still need to take nitroglycerine tablets under my tongue whenever I get chest pains. Sometimes, as many as a half-dozen every day. My doctor wants to prescribe new medicines which he says work well in angina. Shall I give in? — Mr. E.

Dear Mr. E.: Why not give in to something as good — or even better — than the medicine you're taking now? I congratulate you on taking steps to overcome obesity, hypertension and keeping your cholesterol and triglycerides under control. But often more is needed than taking nitroglycerine. For example, some of the "new-fashioned" medicines are nitrates taken in capsule form and are slowly released into the system during the day. Often they lessen the need for taking nitroglycerine under the tongue. Other medications are called beta-blockers and some are called calcium blockers. Often these medicines control the anginal attacks quite well. Of course, if angina becomes unstable and doesn't react well to medical treatment, further studies are necessary to determine the exact condition of the coronary arteries. Meanwhile, better listen to your doctor, Mr. E., and let him prescribe some of the "new-fashioned" drugs that have been so effective in treating angina patients.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. W.: Do you really want to quit smoking? Are you tired of unsuccessfully trying the suggestions put out by some of your friends and the promises made in ads to cure your habit? Then bow about getting some information straight from the horse's mouth, so to speak. Two free bulletins are available from the American College of Chest Physicians. They, as much or more than anyone else, should be authorities on what's good or bad for your chest (heart, lungs, etc.).

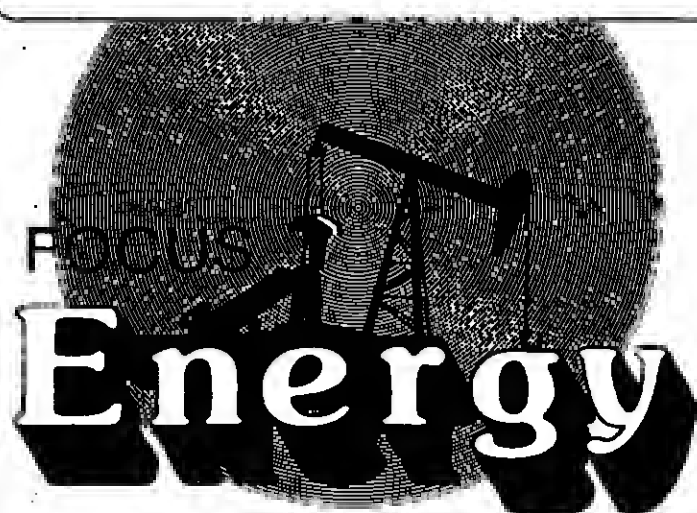
The bulletins are *One Physician's Method for Stopping Smoking* and *Questions Smokers Commonly Ask*. Send a stamped, self-addressed number 10 envelope to the American College of Chest Physicians, 911 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, Ill. 60068.

For Mrs. Q.: Your experience with accidental poisoning while changing your infant's diapers is more common than mothers realize. In a recent article in the *JAMA*, Mary A. McCormick of the Massachusetts Poison Control System says that 2.1 percent of 6,570 poison exposures among children 3 years old or younger occurred during diaper changing. At greater risk were infants 7 to 18 months of age. The most frequently reported incident was swallowing some type of powder. Ointments and creams were also involved. Sometimes parents give these items to infants to quiet them; other times, the infants reach for the containers themselves. Symptoms are most often coughing, wheezing, choking, shortness of breath and vomiting. None of the children required hospitalization.

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Nonaligned leaders arriving for summit

NEW DELHI, March 5 (Agencies) — Leaders of the nonaligned world were arriving here Saturday for their seventh summit with the groundwork laid for efforts to mute the political fireworks and get to grips with their mounting economic problems.

Barbed wire and marigolds ring New Delhi's closely guarded conference center where kings, presidents and prime ministers will meet for the summit starting Monday.

Delhi's broad, tree-lined avenues are draped with bunting and flags. Sprays of flowers decorate arches along the route from the airport to welcome the leaders. But the carnival atmosphere contrasts sharply with the biggest security operation India has mounted for an international gathering.

Barricades of barbed wire have been set up on all approaches to the conference center. Armed troops and police peer from behind bushes along the roads brimming with fresh blooms. The gleaming white Vigyan Bhavan (house of knowledge) conference hall has been cordoned off by Indian commandos bristling with automatic weapons.

Four luxury hotels reserved for foreign delegations have been turned into virtual fortresses. The public has been barred for the duration of the conference and marksmen have been stationed on nearby buildings.

More than 1,500 journalists from all over the world have poured into New Delhi for the summit. Cooks have been flown in from the Middle East to prepare special dishes for the Arab delegations and bulletproof limousines ordered for heads of state.

The four hotels where the nonaligned leaders are staying are competing with each other to please their summit guests. When the Iraqi delegation objected to the carpet in the foyer of one hotel because its pattern resembled Israel's Star of David, the management hastily replaced it with another of more innocuous design.

One hotel has arranged for Arab music to be piped into rooms. Some leaders are bringing their own armed security men to provide extra protection. Iraq alone has moved in a 150-man commando squad.

The Indian government has clamped restrictions on possible troublemakers. Officials said about 50 Iranians and Afghans in the capital had been banned from moving around the city during the conference.

Troops in full combat gear have been deployed at Delhi's Palam Airport where

government leaders, including Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, were mounting a two-day vigil to welcome foreign dignitaries.

Among the first arrivals Saturday were President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus, Sri Lankan President Julius Jayewardene, Vietnam's Prime Minister Pham Van Dong and North Korean Vice President Pak Sung-Chul.

On roundabouts, bright clumps of marigolds are dotted around hoardings carrying quotations from nonaligned leaders.

Newsmen complain about being barred

Sectarian battle haunts Assam state

NEW DELHI, March 5 (AFP) — The brutal conflict which has pitted native Assamese against Bengali and Nepalese immigrants and cost between 1,500 and 3,500 lives over the past five weeks in the strategic northeast Indian state of Assam risks turning into a religious conflict.

A police intelligence report from the Assam capital, Gauhati, said paramilitary extremist organizations, on both sides, were trying to turn what has been a racial and linguistic conflict into a sectarian battle between Muslims and Hindus.

The extremist Hindu Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sang (RSS) group has been urging the some 15 million native Assamese, mostly Hindu, to vent their wrath on Muslim immigrants. The region has some five million immigrants, mostly from Bengal and Nepal, but the exact percentage of Muslims among them is not known.

Federal authorities have often accused the extreme nationalist RSS of being at the origin of the country's chronic communal violence. RSS supporters, trained in street fighting and martial arts, preach at periodic mass gatherings for a militaristic Hindu Indian state while the present federal constitution is secular and Socialist in inspiration.

Unheard of in Assam three years ago, the activists have become the most bitter opponents of Premier Indira Gandhi, taking root in 10 state districts, according to the police report. The RSS has held over 70 meetings in the past two years, some chaired by party leader Balasahb Deoras.

The report said the group has a number of training camps for local cadres and some 300 sections, of 30 men each, which have taken part in attacks on police stations these last

from the conference hall. Indian officials have told them they will have to be content with occasional briefings in an adjoining building.

Meanwhile, nonaligned foreign ministers agreed Saturday night on a formula to leave Kampuchea's seat empty. The agreement on Kampuchea followed several days of bitter debate at the foreign ministers' conference and behind-the-scenes negotiations involving India and rival groups in the dispute.

Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, chairman of the ministerial meeting,

said a consensus had not been reached on seating either the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh or an anti-Vietnamese coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

He suggested the movement's coordinating bureau examine the question further and make a recommendation to the next foreign ministers' meeting in 1985. The formula agreed by the ministers included a recommendation that no further consideration be given to the issue at the New Delhi summit, Rao said.

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Soviets decry Western plays

MOSCOW, March 5 (R) — The Soviet leadership has signaled a tougher line on the arts, calling for less Western influence and greater concentration on depicting the realities of the workers' life.

Culture Minister Pyotr Demichev, in a speech reported by the journal *Sovetskaya Kulturna* (Soviet culture), said an inordinately large number of Moscow theaters were presenting plays of authors from capitalist countries.

Demichev's speech, made to leading Culture Ministry officials, reinforced a Communist Party central committee directive on theater standards issued earlier this week. But it went further in attacking laxity in music and literary criticism.

"It is no secret that Western fashions still have influence here, especially in the field of pop music," he said. There were many poor quality vocal ensembles performing in restaurants and other places where control over them was still too weak, he said.

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